

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance calling a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles a ballot measure establishing a parcel tax on certain vacant properties to provide funding for homelessness services, affordable housing, and other specific purposes, and consolidating this Special Election with the State General Election to be held on the same date.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A Special Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Los Angeles on November 3, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles, for approval by a two-thirds vote, a ballot measure establishing a parcel tax on certain vacant properties to provide funding for homelessness services, affordable housing, and other specific purposes.

Sec. 2. The complete text of the ballot measure is contained in the accompanying Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles. The vote requirement for the measure to pass is two-thirds of the votes cast.

Sec. 3. The ballot title and question to be used at the Special Election for the measure to be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Los Angeles shall be:

**VACANT PROPERTY TAX TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS RESOURCES. PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_.**

Shall a measure funding affordable housing and homeless resources by taxing certain properties vacant 315 days or more per year, at annual rates of \$6,000 for multi-family properties and corporate owned single-family properties and \$5,000-\$10,000 or more for vacant residential and mixed-use parcels, increasing with size; exemptions for hardship, low-income seniors and others; raising approximately \$\_\_ million annually for 20 years, be adopted?

Sec. 4. The measure shall be designated on the ballot or ballot pages by a letter or number determined by the City Council in accordance with applicable City and state laws. Upon the designation by the proper officials of the letter or number to be assigned to the measure, that letter or number is hereby adopted and shall be the designation for the ballot title.

Sec. 5. To vote on the measure, the voter shall mark the ballot next to the word "Yes" or the word "No." A "Yes" vote shall be counted in favor of adoption of the measure and a "No" vote shall be counted against adoption of the measure.

Sec. 6. The Special Election hereby called shall be, and hereby is ordered to be, consolidated with the State General Election to be held in the City of Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Sec. 7. The vote centers for the Special Election shall be open as required and during the identified voting period established in the California Elections Code and as administered by the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for the State General Election.


Sec. 8. The election precincts, vote centers, and officers of election for the Special Election shall be the same as those provided in the City of Los Angeles for the State General Election, and the elections shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election. The list or order prepared by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk designating election precincts, vote centers, and election officers for the State General Election is hereby approved, incorporated into, and made part of this ordinance.

Sec. 9. The City Clerk shall administer the filing, printing, and distribution of all items contained in the City's Voter Information Pamphlet as provided in the City Election Code, including impartial summaries, ballot arguments, and rebuttal arguments regarding the measure. In other particulars, the Special Election shall be held and conducted pursuant to the laws applicable to elections consolidated with the State General Election. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall have authority to canvass the returns of the Special Election and transmit the certified election results to the City Council.

Sec. 10. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Date 6/21/20

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_