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for June 28, 2022, Town Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2022, AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN CONSOLIDATE SAID ELECTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENCY TO CARRY OUT ALL THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS THE QUESTION RELATING TO A SPECIAL TAX FOR LIBRARY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of San Anselmo is a wonderful place to live, raise a family and retire, with great local schools, quality public services and stunning natural beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Anselmo Library is an important community resource that provides access to books, programs and technology for children, families and seniors in San Anselmo; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 local voters approved a parcel tax measure that provides dedicated funding to support the San Anselmo Library to maintain library operating hours, increase collections and provide programming for children, families and seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since it was approved by voters, the Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee has reviewed the use of funds and confirmed they have been spent in accordance with the voter approved expenditure plan; and

**WHEREAS**, if the approximately \$320,000 in annual funding from the library services parcel tax expires, cuts to operating hours and programs at San Anselmo Library will be necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of San Anselmo seeks to renew the existing San Anselmo Library parcel tax, which expires on June 30, 2024, at the rate of \$70 per year with a 3% annual increase to account for inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, all money raised by the measure may only be used to fund local library services in San Anselmo and cannot be taken away by the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the measure to renew the library services parcel tax would require the same strict fiscal accountability provisions as required by the current measure, including an independent citizens' oversight committee, mandatory financial audits and annual public spending disclosure to the community; and

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**WHEREAS**, state law authorizes the Town to impose a special tax to fund library services only where 2/3 of the voters voting in an election approve the tax (Cal. Gov. Code § 53717(a); 53722; 50077(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council conducted a public hearing on the Special Library Services Tax at its meeting of July 26, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council desires to submit to the qualified voters of the Town of San Anselmo at the Election to be held in the Town on November 8, 2022, the ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A containing a ballot measure to adopt a Special Library Services Tax of \$70.00 per year per real estate parcel located in San Anselmo with a three percent (3%) annual cost of living increase, for a period of nine (9) years, beginning on July 1, 2024, to augment money from the Town of San Anselmo’s funding of library services and with expenditures monitored by an oversight committee; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the election be consolidated with the statewide election to be held on the same date and that within the Town, the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections be the same; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the Elections Department of the County of Marin canvass the returns of the Election and that the Election be handled in all respects as if there were only one election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the Town of San Anselmo, California, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, an election.

**Section 2.** That pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of said election.

**Section 3.** That the Town Council, pursuant to its rights and authority, does order submitted to the voters at the election the following question:

To continue expiring funding for San Anselmo Library to maintain library operating hours; increase book/ ebook collections; maintain programs for children, families, seniors/ people with disabilities; and maintain free internet access, computers/technology, shall the measure be adopted extending the existing San Anselmo library services tax at the existing rate of \$70 per parcel, providing \$320,000 annually, for nine years, with annual adjustments, mandatory audits, independent citizens’ oversight and all funds locally controlled for San Anselmo Library?	Yes
	No

**Section 4.** The text of the proposed ordinance to be submitted to the voters is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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**Section 5.** The Town acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted in the manner prescribed in Section 10418 of the Elections Code.

**Section 6.** Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9280, the Town Clerk shall transmit a copy of the measure to the Town Attorney who shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure in accordance with said Section 9280. Arguments for and against said measure may be filed in accordance with applicable provisions of the law. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, the provisions of which are hereby adopted, when the Clerk has selected the arguments for and against the measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and copies of the argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the Town Clerk not more than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the direct argument that it seeks to rebut. The text of the measure shall be printed on the ballot in the voter information portion of the sample ballot.

**Section 7.** That the Marin County Election Department is authorized to canvass the returns of said election. The election shall be held in all respects as if there were only one election, and only one form of ballot shall be used.

**Section 8.** That the Marin County Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County Elections Department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

**Section 9.** That the Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**Section 10.** Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 14212, the polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on election day and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day, when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in said Section 14212.

**Section 11.** That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

**Section 12.** That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the Town Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in the time, form, and manner as required by law.

**Section 13.** That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Election Department of the County of Marin.

**Section 14.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Town of San Anselmo Town Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

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NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

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**EXHIBIT A**

**TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO**  
**ADOPTING A SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES TAX BY AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 7 "SPECIAL LIBRARY SERVICES TAX" OF**  
**THE SAN ANSELMO MUNICIPAL CODE**