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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A GENERAL TAX MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) AT THE RATE OF ONE CENT  $(1\phi)$ 

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley ("Town") is authorized to levy a Transactions and Use Tax ("TUT") for general purposes pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, subject to approval by a majority vote of the electorate pursuant to Article XIIIC, section 2 of the California Constitution ("Proposition 218"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, the Town Council has authority to place local measures on the ballot to be considered at a Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to submit to the voters at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election a measure establishing the rate of the TUT of one cent (1¢) on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the Town until it is repealed by voters, as more specifically set forth in the attached proposed ordinance adding Chapter 3.26 to Title 3 of the Town's Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the one cent  $(1\phi)$  TUT is a general tax, the revenue of which will be placed in the Town's general fund and will be used to pay for general Town services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Apple Valley has experienced general fund budget deficits of approximately \$1,363,133 in 2016, \$4,011,651 in \$2017, \$990,764 in 2018, \$6,326,434 in 2020, \$3,420,013 in 2022, and \$3,179,551 in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley currently projects general fund budget deficits of \$5.461.985 in 2024 and \$3.120.323 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apple Valley is committed to maintaining and enhancing Town services for its residents, including 911 police response to property crimes, thefts, and burglaries, and maintaining sale routes to schools programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town's infrastructure, including streets and roads, requires regular maintenance and repair, including addressing potholes; and

WHEREAS, the Town's priorities include cleaning and maintaining public areas, parks, and recreational facilities for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town's general services, such as those above, may face cuts due

to projected budget deficits.

- WHEREAS, the projected \$9,000,000 annual revenue from the proposed 1¢ sales tax measure could provide locally controlled funding to mitigate projected budget deficits and support maintaining and enhancing general Town services; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed measure incorporates transparency and accountability provisions for audits and public spending disclosure, with all funds used locally; and
- WHEREAS, on November 6, 1996, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 218, an amendment to the State Constitution which requires that all general taxes which are imposed, extended or increased must be submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting in the election; and
- **WHEREAS,** pursuant to Proposition 218 (California Constitution, Article XIIIC, section 2(b)), the general rule is that any local election for the approval of an increase to a general tax must be consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and
- WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled general election at which Town Council members will be elected is November 5, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 53724 and Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Town Council is required to place the Measure on the November 5, 2024 ballot; and
- WHEREAS, the ordinance to be considered by the qualified voters and the terms of approval, collection and use of the general TUT are described and provided for in the ordinance/measure attached hereto as Exhibit "A" (the "Measure") and by this reference made an operative part hereof, in accordance with all applicable laws.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY:

- **SECTION 1**. Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and made an operative part of this Resolution.
- SECTION 2. Submission of Ballot Measure. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, Government Code section 53724, Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 and any other applicable requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to the Town, the Town Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, hereby orders the Measure to be submitted to the voters of the Town at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- SECTION 3. The Town Council, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9222, hereby orders that the ballot question for the Measure shall be presented and

printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following ballot question:

"Town of Apple Valley Public Safety/Town Services Measure:	YES
Shall the measure funding Town of Apple Valley services such as maintaining 911 response times, safe routes to schools programs; responding to property crimes/thefts/burglaries; hiring/retaining sheriff's deputies; repairing streets/potholes; retaining/attracting local businesses; addressing homelessness; cleaning/maintaining public areas/parks; general town services; by establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately \$9,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits/public spending disclosure, all funds used locally, be adopted?"	

**SECTION 4**. Conduct of Election. The Town Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9280, the Town Council hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of the Measure to the Town Attorney. The Town Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the Measure, not to exceed 500 words in length, showing the effect of the Measure on the existing law and the operation of the Measure, and transmit such impartial analysis to the Town Clerk not later than August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

The impartial analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the Measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the Town Council. In the event the entire text of the Measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information guide, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-font bold type, the following: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance or Measure \_\_\_\_\_. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Office of the Town Clerk at (760) 240-7000 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you."

**SECTION 6.** Notice of the election is hereby given and the Town Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 7. Placement on the Ballot. The full text of the Measure shall be printed in the voter information guide, and a statement shall be printed on the ballot pursuant to Elections Code section 9223 advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this Resolution and the Measure, at no cost, upon request made to the Town Clerk.

SECTION 8. Filing with County. The Town Clerk shall, not later than the 88th day prior to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, file with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, a certified copy of this Resolution.

**SECTION 9.** Public Examination. Pursuant to Elections Code section 9295, this Measure will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to being submitted for printing in the voter information guide. The Town Clerk shall post notice in the Clerk's office of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

SECTION 10. The Town Council hereby finds and determines that the Measure relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378(b)(5).

<u>SECTION 11</u>. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that provision shall be severed from the Resolution and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect, and not be affected by such invalidity.

**SECTION 12**. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 13. The Town Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.

Scott Nassif, Mayor

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Town of Apple Valley Resolution No. 2024-23

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

I, LA VONDA M-PEARSON, Town Clerk for the Town of Apple Valley, Apple Valley, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-23, duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council at a meeting thereof held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Cusack, Emick, Leon, Mayor Pro Tem

Bishop, Mayor Nassif.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Apple Valley, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

LA VONDA M-PEARSON, CMC TOWN CLERK

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## **RESOLUTION 2024-24**

BY DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO §10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley adopted Resolution No. 2024-23, calling a General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024; for the purpose of submitting to the voters the question relating to the General Transactions and Use Tax; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore desirable that the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General 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 that the election department of the County of San Bernardino canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Request for Consolidation. Pursuant to the requirements of §10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question relating to the Transactions and Use Tax.

Section 2. Measure Language. A measure is to appear on the ballot as follows:

"Town of Apple Valley Public Safety/Town Services Measure:	Yes
Shall the measure funding Town of Apple Valley services such as maintaining 911 response times, safe routes to schools programs; responding to property crimes/thefts/burglaries; hiring/retaining sheriff's deputies; repairing streets/potholes; retaining/attracting local businesses; addressing homelessness; cleaning/maintaining public areas/parks; general town services; by establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately \$9,000,000 annually until ended by voters;	No

requiring audits/public spending disclosure, all funds used locally, be adopted?"

Section 3. Canvass of Returns. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns and perform all other proceedings incidental to and connected with the General Municipal 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. Pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 10403 and 10418, the election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the Statewide General Election.

**Section 4. Necessary Steps.** The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the consolidated election.

**Section 5.** Costs. The Town Council determines and declares that the Town will pay to the County the reasonable and actual expenses incurred by the County by the consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election. The Town shall reimburse the County for services performed when the work is completed and upon presentation to the Town of a properly approved bill. The Town Manager of the Town of Apple Valley is authorized and directed to pay for the expenses incurred after receiving a statement from the County of San Bernardino.

**Section 6. Filing of Resolution.** 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 San Bernardino.

**Section 7.** Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.

ATTEST:

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk

Scott Nassif, Mayor

Town of Apple Valley Resolution No. 2024-24

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO** 

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

I, LA VONDA M-PEARSON, Town Clerk for the Town of Apple Valley, Apple Valley, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-24, duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council at a meeting thereof held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Cusack, Emick, Leon, Mayor Pro Tem

Bishop, Mayor Nassif.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Apple Valley, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

LA VONDA M-PEARSON, CMC

**TOWN CLERK** 

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF PRIMARY AND REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS AND SETTING RULES FOR THE FILING OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A TOWN MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the Town of Apple Valley, California on November 5, 2024, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following measure:

"Town of Apple Valley Public Safety/Town Services Measure:	Yes
Shall the measure funding Town of Apple Valley services such as maintaining 911 response times, safe routes to schools programs; responding to property crimes/thefts/burglaries; hiring/retaining sheriff's deputies; repairing streets/potholes; retaining/attracting local businesses; addressing homelessness; cleaning/maintaining public areas/parks; general town services; by establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately \$9,000,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits/public spending disclosure, all funds used locally, be adopted?"	No

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Primary Arguments. That the Town Council authorizes (i) the Town Council or any member(s) of the Town Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above measure, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or (iv) any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the Town measure, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, and to change the argument until and including the date fixed below by the Town Clerk, after which no arguments for or against the Town measure may be submitted to the Town Clerk.

The deadline to submit arguments for or against the Town Measure pursuant to this Resolution is declared by the Town Clerk to be **August 19, 2024, at 5 p.m**. Each argument shall not exceed 300 words and shall be filed with the Town Clerk, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if

submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

Section 2. Rebuttal Arguments. Pursuant to Section 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the Town Clerk has selected the primary arguments for and against the Town Measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the Clerk shall send copies of the primary argument in favor of the Measure to the authors of the primary argument against, and copies of the primary argument against to the authors of the primary argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the Town Clerk not later than August 23, 2024, at 5 p.m. Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument which it seeks to rebut.

**Section 3. Prior Resolutions.** That all previous resolutions providing for the filing of primary and rebuttal arguments related to Town measures are repealed.

**Section 4. November 5, 2024 Election.** That the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall apply only to the election to be held on November 5, 2024, and shall then be repealed.

**Section 5.** Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.

Scott Nassif, Mayor

ATTEST:

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk

Town of Apple Valley Resolution No. 2024-25

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

I, LA VONDA M-PEARSON, Town Clerk for the Town of Apple Valley, Apple Valley, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-25, duly and regularly adopted by the Town Council at a meeting thereof held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Cusack, Emick, Leon, Mayor Pro Tem

Bishop, Mayor Nassif.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Town of Apple Valley, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

LA VONDA M-PEARSON, CMC TOWN CLERK

Ву:

a Vonda M Pearsen, Town Clerk

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