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2 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

**ORDINANCE NO. 4474**

3 **An ordinance of San Bernardino County, State of California**  
4 **amending Section 14.0203 of the San Bernardino County**  
5 **Code, increasing the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax,**  
6 **making minor administrative revisions to the language, and**  
7 **ordering that such proposal be submitted to the qualified**  
8 **electors at the November 5, 2024 election.**

9 **WHEREAS, San Bernardino County (County) provides a variety of community**  
10 **services to its nearly 2.2 million residents, making it a great place to live, raise a family,**  
11 **work and prosper;**

12 **WHEREAS, there are challenges facing the County such as ensuring safe drinking**  
13 **water, preparing for and preventing wildfires and maintaining over 2,500 miles of County**  
14 **roads;**

15 **WHEREAS, the County has a wide array of natural beauty and cultural sites and**  
16 **welcomes millions of visitors annually;**

17 **WHEREAS, the transient occupancy taxes these visitors currently pay do not**  
18 **cover the costs of the services they use, such as public safety and infrastructure;**

19 **WHEREAS, with the increase in short term vacation rental properties, more**  
20 **resources would enable the County to, among other things, monitor these rental**  
21 **properties, respond to complaints, enforce regulations and crack down on repeat**  
22 **offenders;**

23 **WHEREAS, the County has one of the lowest transient occupancy tax rates in the**  
24 **region;**

25 **WHEREAS, the transient occupancy tax is paid by people who visit the County**  
26 **and stay in local hotels or short-term vacation rentals; and**

27 **WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to place before the voters proposed**  
28 **amendments to the County Code to increase the transient occupancy tax.**

**NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino,**  
**State of California, ordains as follows:**

1 SECTION 1. Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9140, the proposed  
2 amendments to the County Code, as set forth in Attachment "A" hereon, are hereby  
3 approved.

4 SECTION 2. The proposed amendments to the County Code shall be submitted  
5 to the electors of San Bernardino County at an election to be held and conducted on  
6 November 5, 2024. The election shall be consolidated with any and all elections in the  
7 same territory to be conducted on November 5, 2024. The election shall be held and  
8 conducted by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters as required by federal and  
9 state law, and all of the proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall  
10 be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the election  
11 with which this election is consolidated.

12 SECTION 3. The proposed amendments to the County Code shall be submitted  
13 as a measure on the ballot at the consolidated election, and the Registrar of Voters is  
14 hereby instructed to place the same on the ballot at said election in the following form:

<p>16 Measure "___"</p> <p>17 Shall the measure to provide funding for</p> <p>18 San Bernardino County infrastructure and</p> <p>19 services, increasing the transient</p> <p>20 occupancy tax (paid by occupants of</p> <p>21 hotels/vacation rentals) to 11%, providing</p> <p>22 approximately an additional \$9,400,000</p> <p>23 annually for general government use until</p> <p>24 ended by voters, with these funds</p> <p>25 continuing to be audited as part of the</p> <p>26 County's external independent annual</p> <p>27 audit, and providing that all funds be</p> <p>28 locally controlled, be adopted?</p>	<p>YES</p> <hr/> <p>NO</p>
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25 SECTION 4. The language set forth in Attachment "A" shall be printed in the Voter  
26 Information Guide that is mailed to every qualified voter in the County and placed on file  
27 and made available for public inspection in the offices of the County Clerk, the Registrar  
28 of Voters and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

1 SECTION 5. Measure "\_\_\_" shall go into effect only if approved by a majority of  
2 the qualified voters voting in an election to be held on November 5, 2024. To the extent  
3 permitted by law, these amendments to the County Code shall be effective upon voter  
4 approval of the Measure as provided by California law. On the effective date of this  
5 Measure as provided by California law (the "Effective Date"), these amendments to the  
6 County Code are inserted into and become part of the San Bernardino County Code of  
7 Ordinances. No provision of the San Bernardino County Code of Ordinances that is  
8 inconsistent with this Measure shall be enforced after the Effective Date.

9 SECTION 6. The Board of Supervisors declares that it would have adopted this  
10 ordinance and each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, part or  
11 portion of it irrespective of the fact that any one or more provisions, sections, subsections,  
12 sentences, clauses, phrases, parts or portions of it be declared invalid or unconstitutional.  
13 If for any reason any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, then  
14 all other portions of it shall remain valid and enforceable.

15 SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to Section  
16 9141 of the Elections Code and Section 25123(a) of the Government Code.



18 DAWN ROWE, Chair  
19 Board of Supervisors

20 SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY  
21 OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED  
22 TO THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

23 LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the  
24 Board of Supervisors

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
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I, LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said County and State, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024, at which meeting were present Supervisors: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr., and the Clerk, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: Jesse Armendarez

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of Supervisors this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2024.

LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County State of California



Deputy

Approved as to Form:

TOM BUNTON  
County Counsel

By: Julie J. Surber  
JULIE J. SURBER  
Principal Assistant County Counsel

Date: 7/24/24