

RESOLUTION NO. 234-57

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA
CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 5, 2024, REQUESTING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS CONSOLIDATE THE ELECTION WITH THE STATEWIDE
GENERAL ELECTION, ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR THE ELECTION,
AND REQUESTING THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
CONDUCT SAID ELECTION**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a general municipal election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election of municipal officers (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the Elections Code of the State of California provides that the local governing body shall establish policies concerning the conduct of municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, the following policies are solely at the discretion of the City Council of the City of Arcata; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Arcata desires to call the Election and, pursuant to Elections Code section 10403 and 10002 that the Humboldt County Office of Elections conduct the Election to be held on November 5, 2024, including the publishing of all election materials, the mailing of sample ballots, the hiring of election officers, and conducting the Election; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes additional costs may be incurred by the Humboldt County Office of Elections by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for such costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Arcata does order as follows:

1. That there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Arcata, California, a General Municipal Election on the 5th day of November, 2024.
2. That pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is hereby requested to consent to the consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide Direct General Election on the 5th day of November, 2024, for the purpose of electing three (3) City Councilmembers, each for a full term of four (4) years.

3. That the City Council hereby places the following measure before the voters of Arcata at the election to be held on the 5th day of November, 2024:

THE ARCATA SALES TAX MEASURE	
Arcata Essential Services Measure	
To maintain and improve Arcata’s essential city services and facilities, such as	YES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emergency, disaster and climate change preparedness and response, • services addressing homelessness and its impacts to the city, • clinical mental health response to people in crisis, • youth diversion counselor programs, • sidewalks, bike lanes, transit, roads and trails, • recreation and local parks, and • other vital city programs 	NO
shall the City of Arcata enact a measure, by adopting a 3/4 cent sales tax, for general government purposes, providing approximately \$2.6 million annually until ended by voters, requiring public spending disclosure, citizens' oversight, annual audits, and all funds used locally?	

4. That the proposed complete text of the measure can be found in Resolution No. 234-52 of the City Council of the City of Arcata adopted on June 12, 2024.
5. That the Arcata City Council, or any member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Transactions and Use Tax measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and association, may file written arguments for or against said measures. No argument shall exceed 300 words in length. No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument submitted. Printed arguments submitted to voters shall be titled either “Argument in Favor of Measure _____” or “Argument against Measure _____.”
6. That the City Clerk of the City of Arcata shall transmit to the Humboldt County Office of Elections such measures, arguments for and against, rebuttal arguments and impartial analyses by the City Attorney to be included in the November 5, 2024, municipal election Sample Ballot and Voter Information Guide.
7. That the Humboldt County Office of Elections is hereby requested to perform and render all services associated with the conduct of the Arcata

General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024, in the manner prescribed in Elections Code section 10418, including the publishing of all election materials, the mailing of sample ballots, the hiring of election officers, and conducting of the election.

8. That the polls shall be open continuously from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
9. That polling places shall be established by the Humboldt County Office of Elections.
10. That the City Clerk of the City of Arcata shall distribute and receive all nomination papers from candidates for said election during the nomination period from July 15 to August 9, 2024. There shall be no filing fee for nomination papers. Candidates may submit statements to be submitted to voters concerning their qualifications for office in accordance with Section 13307 of the California Elections Code except that the City Council hereby determines that such statements shall not exceed 200 words in length. Further, in accordance with Section 13307(d), each candidate is required to pay in advance to the City a deposit of the full price for printing a single candidate's statement as a condition of having his or her statement included in the Sample Ballot and Voter Information Guide. The City Clerk will refund to the candidate any overpayment for the Candidate's Statement upon receipt of the final bill for conducting the election from the Humboldt County Office of Elections.
11. That, in the instance in which two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes for the second seat on the City Council, the tie shall be resolved by special runoff election in accordance with section 15651(b) of the California Elections Code.
12. That the City Clerk is directed to establish the deadlines for receipt of all arguments for and against ballot measures, and all rebuttals.
13. That the City Attorney is directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measures regarding the Transactions and Use Tax measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law and the operation of the measure.
14. That, in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

DATED: June 12, 2024

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk, City of Arcata

Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 234-57** passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, on the 12th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

City Clerk, City of Arcata