



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Community Services  
**Department No.:** 057  
**For Agenda Of:** July 11, 2023  
**Placement:** Set Hearing for  
July 18, 2023  
**Estimated Time:** 10 minutes  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467  
Director:  
Contact Info: Andrew Myung, Chief Financial Officer (805) 568-3526  
**SUBJECT:** CPI Adjustment of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Library Special Tax Rate for County Service Area No. 3 (greater Goleta).

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Public Works Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

That the Board of Supervisors on July 11, 2023:

- a) Receive a written report that contains a description of each parcel of real property receiving the extended library facilities and services in County Service Area (CSA) No. 3 (Goleta) and the amount of the special tax for each parcel for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 (the "Report") (Attachment 1);
- b) Direct Community Services Department staff to file the Report with the Clerk of the Board;
- c) Direct Community Services Department staff to publish notice beginning on July 11, 2023, in accord with California Government Code section 6066, of the hearing to be held on July 18, 2023 (Attachment 3) to consider the adoption of a resolution that confirms the Report and that adjusts the FY 2023-2024 library special tax rate in CSA No. 3 by 7.40%, which reflects the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2022 (the "Resolution") (Attachment 2); and
- d) Set a hearing on July 18, 2023 to consider the adoption of the Resolution.

On July 18, 2023, your Board’s actions should include the following:

- a) Adopt the Resolution that confirms the Report and adjusts the FY 2023-2024 library special tax rate in CSA No. 3 by 7.40%;
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) because the actions consist of organizational or administrative actions that will have no direct physical impact on the environment and the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project.

**Summary Text:**

The library special tax is levied for parcels located in CSA No. 3 in the unincorporated area outside the boundaries of the City of Goleta. The special tax rates for CSA No. 3 for FY 2023-2024 are proposed to be adjusted by 7.40%, which reflects the percentage change in the CPI adjustment for 2022. The chart below shows proposed adjustments in the special tax rates by parcel category and incorporates applicable tax factors:

Parcel Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Amount of Adjustment
Vacant Farm Land	\$13.29	\$14.27	\$0.98
Res. - Single, -Condos	\$26.57	\$28.54	\$1.97
Res. - Duplex, -Triplex	\$53.14	\$57.08	\$3.94
Apartment	\$159.42	\$171.24	\$11.82
Heavy Commercial	\$119.57	\$128.43	\$8.86
Light Commercial	\$119.57	\$128.43	\$8.86
Industrial	\$119.57	\$128.43	\$8.86
Churches-Misc.-Other	\$53.14	\$57.08	\$3.94
Government Exempt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Background:**

In June 1990, voters in CSA No. 3 approved a special tax to fund extended library facilities and services at the Goleta Library. In accordance with the terms of ballot Measure L and Resolution 90-92 (Attachment 4) that authorized the special tax, your Board must hold a public hearing to annually fix the amount of the special tax to be collected. The tax can be adjusted each year for changes in the cost of living. Changes in the cost of living are based upon the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index of the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Los Angeles/Anaheim/Riverside area using the calendar year immediately preceding the applicable tax year as the base. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 53750(h)(2)(A) and 53753.5, this adjustment to the special tax is not subject to voter approval under Proposition 218 or the notice, protest and hearing requirements of California Government Code Section 53753, because it is being adjusted within the defined formula for inflation adjustment approved by the voters in 1990.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

CSA3 Measure L Library is fully budgeted in Fund 2120, held by the Public Works Department.

Narrative: CSA No. 3 special tax proceeds for the Goleta Library are proposed to be adjusted from \$222,000 for FY 2022-2023 to approximately \$238,000 for FY 2023-2024.

**Special Instructions:**

1. Publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment 3) in accord with California Government Code section 6066. The notice shall be published in the Santa Barbara News Press and the Santa Maria Times once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates and not counting such publication dates; and
2. Send a copy of the minute order and a signed copy of the Notice of Public Hearing to the Community Services Department, Attention: Eva Camarena, Community Services.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 – Administration Report Fiscal Year 2023-24, County of Santa Barbara Service Area No. 3 (Library Special Tax)

Attachment 2 – Board of Supervisors Resolution setting the FY 2023-2024 Library Tax Rates for CSA 3

Attachment 3 – Public Hearing Notice

Attachment 4 – Resolution No. 90-92

Attachment 5 – PowerPoint Presentation