

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2-24.11 TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE TO MOVE THE ELECTION OF THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CYCLE

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 1300 was amended in 2022 to require that elections for the District Attorney and Sheriff be conducted with the presidential primary election; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code Section 1300(b)(2) authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt an ordinance providing that the election of any other county officer—except the County Superintendent of Schools—shall be conducted with the presidential primary election; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors desires to exercise this statutory authority to align the election of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator with the presidential election cycle while maintaining the Auditor-Controller and Clerk-Recorder-Assessor-Registrar of Voters on the gubernatorial cycle to preserve staggered elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Addition of Section 2-24.11 to the Santa Barbara County Code

Section **2-24.11** is hereby added to the Santa Barbara County Code to read:

2-24.11 — Time of Election of the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator

A. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 1300(b)(2), the election to select the Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator shall be conducted with the presidential primary election.

B. The Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator elected in 2022 shall serve a **one-time six-year term** ending in January 2029. The next election for this office shall be held at the **2028 presidential primary election**, and subsequent elections shall occur every four years thereafter at the presidential primary.

SECTION 2. CEQA DETERMINATION

The Board of Supervisors finds that adoption of this ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as it involves organizational and administrative activities of government that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5)).

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors declares that it would have adopted this ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any portion.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and become operative 30 days from the date of its adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Within 15 days after its passage a summary of it shall be published with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the *Santa Barbara Independent*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

BOB NELSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy County Counsel