



# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

June 18, 2024

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**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 24-00638

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an Ordinance Amending the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) from 12% to 14% for the November 2024 General Election Ballot, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

a) Consider the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending Section 32-12 of the Santa Barbara County Code to increase the TOT Rate from the current level of Twelve Percent (12%) to Fourteen Percent (14%) of the charges in the unincorporated area of the County;

b) Read the title "Ordinance Amending Section 32-12 of the Santa Barbara County Code to Increase the TOT Rate to Fourteen Percent (14%)" and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;

c) Approve and authorize member(s) of the Board of Supervisors to author, sign and submit on behalf of the Board an argument in favor of the TOT rate increase ballot measure and any rebuttal; and

d) Set a hearing on the Departmental Agenda of July 9, 2024 to consider recommendations, as follows:  
(Set a hearing for July 9, 2024. Time estimate: 30 minutes)

i) Consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance amending Section 32-12 of the Santa Barbara County Code to increase the TOT Rate from the current level of Twelve Percent (12%) to Fourteen Percent (14%) of the charges in the unincorporated area of the County;

ii) Adopt a Resolution submitting the proposed Ordinance and ballot language proposing to increase the TOT rate to fourteen percent (14%) to the electorate for approval, and requesting and ordering consolidation with the November 5, 2024 General Election; and

iii) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines because they consist of the creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY



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*HEARING TIME: 10:10 AM - 10:21 AM (11 MIN.)*

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Introduction (First Reading) approved;
- b) Read title; waived further reading of the Ordinance;
- c) Approved and authorized Supervisor Hartmann and Supervisor Williams to author, sign and submit on behalf of the Board an argument in favor of the TOT; and approved and authorized Supervisor Lavagnino and Supervisor Capps to author, sign and submit on behalf of the Board any rebuttal; and
- d) i) through iii) Set for July 9, 2024 on the Administrative Agenda to consider the adoption (Second Reading) of the Ordinance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

**Noes:** 1 - Supervisor Nelson