## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 17, 2020 TO ELECT THREE DIRECTORS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA RITA HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 20-163

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District ("District") Board of Directors has a vacancy due to a recent resignation and two director positions with terms expiring; and

WHEREAS, Cal. Elec. Code Section 10004 provides that if the Board of Supervisors of the county in which the district is located is notified by any voter in the district that an election needs to be called to select members of the governing body, the Board of Supervisors may call a special election within the district for the members involved; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2020, a registered voter of the district, requested the Board of Supervisors call an election for the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors wishes to call an election to elect three directors of the District; and

WHEREAS, Cal. Elec. Code Section 10004 states that the election shall be held no later than 90 days after it is called by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be conducted in the same manner as the regular district election; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Office has requested the election to be held on November 17, 2020 and this date is within 90 days of when the Board of Supervisors is hereby calling the election.

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## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA that:

- 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby calls, provides for, proclaims and gives notice of an election on November 17, 2020 within the boundaries of the District for the purpose of electing three persons to serve as Directors of the District.
- 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs County elections officials to conduct the necessary election on behalf of the proposed District and place the candidates for the District's board on the ballot for an election on November 17, 2020, and to take any other actions necessary to call, provide for, and give notice of the election and to provide for the conduct and the canvass of returns of the election.
- 3. Three Director seats shall be up for election as part of the November 17, 2020 election. Pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 61040(b), no person shall be a candidate for the board of directors unless the person is a voter of the District.
- 4. Candidate filing for said election will be held in accordance with Cal. Elec. Code Section 10510. Forms for declarations of candidacy shall be obtained from the office of the County Elections Official at 4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara, by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 805-696-8957. Forms can also be issued electronically. The forms shall first be available on September 8, 2020 and shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2020 with the county elections official during regular office hours or may be filed by certified mail so that the forms reach the office of the county elections official no later than the deadline for

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filing in that office. No candidate shall withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy after 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2020.

- 5. Pursuant to Elec. Code Section 13307, each candidate may prepare a candidate's statement on a form provided by the elections official. The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate themselves. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations. The statement shall be filed in the office of the elections official at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed and the statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. The candidate shall be required to pay for the estimated cost of printing the candidate's statement in English in the voter materials to be mailed to the registered voters of the District. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, candidates' statements will be translated into Spanish. The County will mail separate materials in Spanish to only those voters who are registered as requesting that language. The County will make the voter materials in the required languages available on the election official's website, and in the election official's office.
- 6. The Board of Supervisors finds that these actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), because they consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.
- 7. The County Clerk is hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to provide and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment, and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully

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conduct the election. The District shall reimburse the County for the costs of the election.

The County Clerk is further directed to take the necessary and appropriate actions to provide for an election to be conducted by mail pursuant to Cal. Elec. Code 4000(c)
(1) which allows for an election by mail where there are fewer than 1,000 registered voters eligible to participate.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 25th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, Adam and Lavagnino

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Chair, Board of Supervisors County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST: MONA MIYASATO CLERK OF THE BOARD APPROVED AS TO FORM: MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI COUNTY COUNSEL

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Deputy County Counsel