SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: The Registrar of Voters

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Approval of Election Services for the City of Rancho Mirage General Municipal Mail Ballot Election, District 4 [\$84,000; Reimbursement from the City of Rancho Mirage].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Registrar of Voters to conduct election services for the April 12, 2016, City of Rancho Mirage General Municipal Mail Ballot Election.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

California Elections Code §§ 10002, 10402, and 10403 allow jurisdictions to request that the Board of Supervisors approve the Registrar of Voters to conduct elections by submitting a resolution requesting these services. The City of Rancho Mirage has complied with this requirement and has requested the Registrar of Voters to conduct its election. The department has the resources to provide these services. The County will receive reimbursement from the jurisdiction for the full cost of conducting their election.

> Rebecca Spencer Registrar of Voters

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Oı	ngoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)	
COST	\$ 84,000	\$	0	\$	84,000	\$	0	C	' Dallass
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	Consent X	Policy
SOURCE OF FUN	DS: Reimbursen	nent from the C	ity	of Ranc	ho		Budget Adjustr	ment: No	-
Mirage							For Fiscal Year	: 15/	6
C.E.O. RECOMME	NDATION:								

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Aves:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

March 1, 2016

XC:

ROV

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

Kecia Harper-Ihem

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FORM 11:, District 4 [\$84,000; Reimbursement from the City of Rancho Mirage].

DATE: January 29, 2016

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BACKGROUND:

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Registered voters in the City of Rancho Mirage will have the opportunity to vote for two City Councilmembers and four measures.

SUPPLEMENTAL

Additional Fiscal Information

The County will receive reimbursement from the jurisdiction for the full cost of conducting their election. The cost of election that will be reimbursed by the City of Rancho Mirage is approximately \$84,000.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF AN ALL-MAIL BALLOT GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 982 TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO RANCHO MIRAGE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FOR TWO FOUR-YEAR TERMS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-113

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the City's Charter, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 982, which amended Title 2 of the Rancho Mirage Municipal Code (RMMC) to allow municipal elections to be conducted by mailed ballots; and

WHEREAS, RMMC Section 2.86.10 provides that the City Council is authorized to adopt a resolution calling for any special or general municipal election to be conducted entirely by mail ballot, provided the election does not coincide with a Statewide or Federal election or conflict with other laws applicable to charter cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to conduct the General Municipal Election to be held on April 12, 2016 for the election of City Council Members entirely by mailed ballots.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Rancho Mirage, California, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, a General Municipal Election conducted by all mail ballot pursuant to Ordinance No. 982 for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council for the full terms of four years each.

Section 3. FORM AND CONTENT

That the form and content of the ballots to be used at the election shall be in accordance with all applicable laws.

Section 4. MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all materials, supplies and equipment that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election by all mail ballot.

Section 5. SUBMISSION OF BALLOTS

That pursuant to the City of Rancho Mirage Municipal Code, and other applicable provisions of the City Charter and Ordinances of the City of Rancho Mirage, said election shall be conducted by all mail ballot, and shall be conducted pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 4 (commencing with Section 4100) of the California Elections Code only insofar as required by law, and only where not inconsistent with the Charter and ordinances of the City of Rancho Mirage. Notwithstanding Elections Code Section 4103, ballots cast in the election shall be returned to the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters no later than 8 o'clock p.m. on Election Day. Only ballots received in the office of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters by 8 o'clock p.m. on Election Day shall be counted.

Section 6. CONDUCT OF ELECTION

That in all other particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

Section 7. TIME AND PLACE OF ELECTION

That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

Section 8. COSTS

That the City Council authorizes the City Clerk or designee to administer said election, and all reasonable and actual election expenses for any services, equipment or supplies shall be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill.

Section 9. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

That all the provisions of any existing resolution, including without limitation Resolution No. 2015-113, as heretofore adopted by the City Council that are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Section 12. CERTIFIED COPIES OF RESOLUTION

That the City Clerk is directed to forward without delay to the Board of Supervisors and to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified copies of this Resolution.

Section 13. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2015.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL

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G. Dana Hobart

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanille

City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**) **CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE)**

I, Cynthia Scott, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2015-119 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day December 2015, by the following vote:

Hobart, Kite, Smotrich, Townsend, Weill AYES:

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PERMIT THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-114

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Rancho Mirage, California, on April 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in the course of conducting the election it is necessary for the City to request certain election services of the County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rancho Mirage will reimburse the County for all election services rendered for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. REQUEST FOR ELECTION SERVICES

That pursuant to the provisions of Section 10002 of the California Elections Code, the City Council requests the Board of Supervisors permit the Riverside County Registrar of Voters to render election services to the City of Rancho Mirage as may be requested by the City.

Section 4. REIMBURSEMENT

That the City shall reimburse the County for election services rendered upon presentation to the City of a properly approved bill.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

That all the provisions of any existing resolution, including without limitation Resolution No. 2015-114, as heretofore adopted by the City Council that are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Section 8. CERTIFIED COPIES OF RESOLUTION

That the City Clerk is directed to forward without delay to the Board of Supervisors and to the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified copies of this Resolution.

Section 9. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2015.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL

G. Dana Hobart

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla

City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE)

I, Cynthia Scott, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2015-120 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day December 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

Hobart, Kite, Smotrich, Townsend, Weill

NOES:

None

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

None

None

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE RENUMBERING MEASURE 6 AS MEASURE 1 AND MODIFYING THE TEXT OF SAID MEASURE TO ASK THE VOTERS: "SHALL THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE REQUIRE THAT ANY FUTURE AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1099, WHICH CURRENTLY PROHIBITS NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES (NOT INCLUDING GOLF CARTS) ON OR ADJACENT TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS INCLUDING HIGHWAY 111, BOB HOPE DRIVE; COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE; DA VALL DRIVE; DINAH SHORE DRIVE; FRANK SINATRA DRIVE; GERALD FORD DRIVE; MAGNESIA FALLS DRIVE; MONTEREY AVENUE; PLUMLEY ROAD, AND OTHERS, BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR VOTER APPROVAL?" AND PLACING SAID MEASURE ON THE BALLOT OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1099, which takes effect thirty (30) days after it second reading, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21266(a) which provides that local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, may restrict or prohibit the use of low-speed vehicles and neighborhood electric vehicles as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 21250, California Vehicle Code Section 385.5 and California Streets and Highways Code Section 1962.1; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1099, adds Chapter 10.56 "Low-Speed Vehicles and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles" to Title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic" to prohibit low-speed vehicles and neighborhood electric vehicles as specifically defined in the California Vehicle Code and California Streets and Highways Code, in those areas and on those streets depicted in the Low-Speed Vehicles & Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Prohibited Areas and Streets Map, which includes, but is not limited to, the following areas and streets: Bob Hope Drive; Country Club Drive; Da Vall Drive; Dinah Shore Drive; Frank Sinatra Drive; Gerald Ford Drive; Highway 111; Joshua Road; Magnesia Falls Drive; Monterey Avenue; Park View Drive; Plumley Road and Whitewater Storm Channel; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1099, adds Chapter 10.56 "Low-Speed Vehicles and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles" to Title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic" to prohibit any "Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Plan" established pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 1962.2 to include any area within the jurisdiction of the City of Rancho Mirage unless the area is approved first by an ordinance of the City of Rancho Mirage to be included in said plan; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1099, adds Chapter 10.56 "Low-Speed Vehicles and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles" to Title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic" to prohibit any portion of CV Link or similar pathway to include any area within the jurisdiction of the City of Rancho Mirage unless such area is approved first by an ordinance of the City of Rancho Mirage to be included as part of CV Link or similar plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure that any change in Ordinance No. 1099 (Rancho Mirage Municipal Code Chapter 10.56) after it takes effect may only be approved by the voters of the City of Rancho Mirage.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. BALLOT MEASURE

That a ballot measure shall be submitted to the voters on the April 12, 2016, Rancho Mirage General Municipal Election ballot in the form of the following question:

MEASURE 1

Section 3. ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the Rancho Mirage 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 Measure 1, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument in favor of Measure 1 which shall not exceed 300 words in length.

Section 4. ARGUMENTS AGAINST

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the Rancho Mirage City Council, or any member or members of City Council authorized by the City Council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Measure 1, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument against Measure 1 which shall not exceed 300 words in length.

Section 5. PRIORITY

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9287, if more than one argument in favor for or more than one argument against Measure 1 is submitted to the City Clerk within the time prescribed, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against Measure 1 for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the argument, the City Clerk shall give preference and priority, in the

order named, to the arguments of the following: (a) the City Council, or member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council; (b) the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of Measure 1; (c) bona fide associations of citizens; and (d) individual voters who are eligible to vote on Measure 1.

Section 6. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARGUMENTS

That arguments in favor or against Measures 1 shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before December 31, 2015, after which no arguments in favor or against Measure 1 may be submitted to the City Clerk.

Section 7. REBUTTALS

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, when an argument in favor and an argument against Measure 1 have been selected to be printed in the ballot pamphlet, the City Clerk shall send a copy of the argument in favor of Measure 1 to the authors of the argument against Measure 1 and a copy of an argument against Measure 1 to the authors of the argument in favor of Measure 1, after which rebuttals may be submitted to the City Clerk no later than January 11, 2016.

Section 8. CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of Measure 1 to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of Measure 1 showing the effect of Measure 1 on the existing law and the operation of Measure 1 in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9280.

Section 9. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ARGUMENTS

That during the period commencing January 1, 2016, and ending on January 11, 2016, the City Clerk shall make available for public inspection the arguments filed in favor or against Measure 1 and the Impartial Analysis.

Section 10. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF REBUTTALS

That during the period commencing January 12, 2016, and ending January 21, 2016, the City Clerk shall make available for public inspection the rebuttals to the arguments filed in favor or against Measure 1.

Section 11. ELECTION RETURNS

That the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized to canvass the returns of the election.

Section 12. PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING ELECTION

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside is hereby requested to issue instructions to the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the election.

Section 13. REIMBURSEMENTS

That the City of Rancho Mirage recognizes that costs will be incurred by the County of Riverside in connection with the election and agrees to reimburse the County of Riverside for any such costs.

Section 14. CITY CLERK DUTIES

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors and the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters.

Section 15. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

That all the provisions of any existing resolution, including without limitation Resolution No. 2015-108 and Resolution No. 2015-109 and Resolution No. 2015-112, as heretofore adopted by the City Council that are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 17. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Section 18. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2015.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Scott, CMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintarilla City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE)

I, Cynthia Scott, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2015-122 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of December 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

Hobart, Kite, Smotrich, Townsend, Weill

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE CALLING AND NOTICING THE HOLDING OF AN ADVISORY ELECTION ON THE SAME DATE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE VOTERS OF RANCHO MIRAGE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES PERTAINING TO CV LINK

WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9603 authorizes the City of Rancho Mirage to hold an advisory election on any date on which the City is currently permitted to hold a regular or special election for the purpose of allowing the qualified voters of Rancho Mirage to voice their opinions on substantive issues, or to indicate to the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage approval or disapproval of a ballot proposal; and

WHEREAS, the results of an advisory election are only meant to be an indication of general voter opinion regarding certain substantive issues and does not bind the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to hold an advisory election for the purpose of submitting to the City's qualified voters various advisory measures concerning the proposed CV Link project, which is a paved pathway proposed by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) that will be approximately 50 miles long, up to 30 feet wide, and accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and neighborhood electric vehicles that can travel up to 25 miles per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. RECITALS

That the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. CALL AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY ELECTION

That, pursuant to the laws of the State of California relating to elections, an advisory election is called and noticed and hereby ordered to be held in the City of Rancho Mirage, California, on April 12, 2016, the same date as the Rancho Mirage General Municipal Election, for the purpose of enabling qualified voters of the City of Rancho Mirage to voice their opinions on substantive issues pertaining to the proposed CV Link project, which is a paved pathway proposed by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) that will be approximately 50 miles long, up to 30 feet wide, and accommodate pedestrians, bicycles and neighborhood electric vehicles that can travel up to 25 miles per hour.

Section 3. ADVISORY MEASURE 2

That an advisory election is hereby called under the provisions of California Elections Code Section 9603 for the purpose of submitting the following question, known as "Measure 2" on the ballot, to the voters of Rancho Mirage:

MEASURE 2

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

Section 4. ADVISORY MEASURE 3

That an advisory election is hereby called under the provisions of California Elections Code Section 9603 for the purpose of submitting the following question, known as "Measure 3" on the ballot, to the voters of Rancho Mirage:

MEASURE 3

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

If CV Link were to be constructed, would you approve the City Council committing Rancho Mirage to pay for CV Link's annual operations and maintenance expenses, which on April 6, 2015, CVAG projected Rancho Mirage's share to be between \$110,300 and \$251,800 per annum as of the 9 th year of operations, and continuing to increase annually at the rate of inflation?	
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Section 5. ADVISORY MEASURE 4

That an advisory election is hereby called under the provisions of California Elections Code Section 9603 for the purpose of submitting the following question, known as "Measure 4" on the ballot, to the voters of Rancho Mirage:

MEASURE 4

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

Because in 2002 County voters approved Measure A, which is a ½ cent increase in our sales tax to be used to repair dilapidated and crumbling roads and highways in the Coachella Valley, should CVAG be allowed to divert up to \$20 million dollars (\$20,000,000) from this Measure A fund, to pay for the construction of the Neighborhood Electric Vehicles portion of the CV Link?	

Section 6. ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the Rancho Mirage 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 Measures, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument in favor of each Measure which shall not exceed 300 words in length.

Section 7. ARGUMENTS AGAINST

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9282, the Rancho Mirage City Council, or any member or members of City Council authorized by the City Council, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the Measures, or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument against each Measure which shall not exceed 300 words in length.

Section 8. PRIORITY

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9287, if more than one argument in favor for or more than one argument against any Measure is submitted to the City Clerk within the time prescribed, the City Clerk shall select one of the arguments in favor and one of the arguments against for printing and distribution to the voters. In selecting the argument, the City Clerk shall give preference and priority, in the order named, to the arguments of the following: (a) the City Council, or member or members of the City Council authorized by the City Council; (b) the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the subject Measure; (c) bona fide associations of citizens; and (d) individual voters who are eligible to vote on the subject Measure.

Section 9. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARGUMENTS

That arguments in favor or against Measures 2, 3 and 4 shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before December 31, 2015, after which no arguments in favor or against may be submitted to the City Clerk.

Section 10. REBUTTALS

That pursuant to California Elections Code Section 9285, when an argument in favor and an argument against one of the Measures have been selected to be printed in the ballot pamphlet, the City Clerk shall send a copy of the argument in favor of any given Measure to the authors of the argument against the same Measure and a copy of an argument against the subject Measure to the authors of the argument in favor of the same Measure. The author or a majority of the authors of an argument relating to any given Measure may prepare and submit a rebuttal argument or may authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument, which shall not exceed 250 words.

Section 11. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REBUTTALS

That rebuttals shall be filed with the City Clerk on or before January 11, 2016, after which no rebuttals may be submitted to the City Clerk.

Section 12. CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the Measures to the City Attorney, who shall prepare an impartial analysis of each Measure showing the effect of each Measure on the existing law and the operation of each Measure in accordance with California Elections Code Section 9280.

Section 13. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ARGUMENTS

That during the period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending on January 11, 2016, the City Clerk shall make available for public inspection the arguments filed in favor or against each Measure and the respective impartial analysis.

Section 14. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF REBUTTALS

That during the period commencing January 12, 2016 and ending January 21, 2016, the City Clerk shall make available for public inspection the rebuttals to the arguments filed in favor or against each Measure.

Section 15. ELECTION RETURNS

That the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized to canvass the returns of the election.

Section 16. PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING ELECTION

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside is hereby requested to issue instructions to the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the election.

Section 17. REIMBURSEMENTS

That the City of Rancho Mirage recognizes that costs will be incurred by the County of Riverside in connection with the election and agrees to reimburse the County of Riverside for any such costs.

Section 18. CITY CLERK DUTIES

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors and the County of Riverside Registrar of Voters.

Section 19. SEVERABILITY

That the City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 20. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

That all the provisions of any existing resolution, including without limitation Resolution No. 2015-108, Resolution No. 2015-109, and Resolution No. 2015-112, as heretofore adopted by the City Council that are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 21. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

Section 22. CERTIFICATION

That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2015.

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Scott, CMC City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven B. Quintanilla City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE)

CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE)

I, Cynthia Scott, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2015-123 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Mirage, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 17th day of December 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

Hobart, Kite, Smotrich, Townsend, Weill

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Cynthia Scott, CMC

City Clerk