

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

July 29, 2026

Mr. Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Election Coordination Unit
12400 Imperial Highway, 2nd Floor, Room 2013A
Norwalk, CA 90650

Subject: Resolutions calling for submission of a Measure for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed are certified copies of the following resolutions adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes on July 21, 2026:

1) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.16.030 OF CHAPTER 3.16, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE "TAX IMPOSED" THEREIN FROM TEN PERCENT (10%) TO THIRTEEN (13%) PERCENT; AND, IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE MEASURE AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

2) RESOLUTION NO. 2026-62 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DRAFTING OF DIRECT ARGUMENTS, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING A CITY TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please consider this as our request to consolidate the submission of our Measure with the General Municipal Election be consolidated with the UDEL election being conducted by the County of Los Angeles. Please note that the initial request to consolidate was sent to your offices on June 22, 2026, along with Resolution Nos. 2026-45; 2026-46; and, 2026-47.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,



Teresa Takaoka
City Clerk

Enclosures: Certified copy of Resolution No. 2026-61
Certified copy of Resolution No. 2026-62

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-61

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.16.030 OF CHAPTER 3.16, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE "TAX IMPOSED" THEREIN FROM TEN PERCENT (10%) TO THIRTEEN (13%) PERCENT; AND, IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE MEASURE AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THAT DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026, has been called by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes ("City") pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-45 adopted by the City Council on June 16, 2026. This Resolution allows the City to submit to the voters at the General Municipal Election a question proposing an ordinance to increase the "Tax Imposed" in Section 3.16.030 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code from ten percent (10%) to thirteen percent (13%) (the "TOT Measure"); and

WHEREAS, the City has had to spend over \$60,000,000 in taxpayer dollars over the last three years to address its recent landslide within the Greater Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex, and the continued risk of natural disasters means that the City needs to be prepared for earthquakes, land movements, and wildfire in the future; and

WHEREAS, last year, there were more than 300 reported crimes involving burglary, theft, and similar offenses, including 71 residential burglaries in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City must maintain 911 emergency response times and public safety patrols to keep residents, local businesses, and their property safe; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to implement locally controlled revenue approaches in the least burdensome way possible to residents and property owners while preserving competitive advantages for its business community; and

WHEREAS, this TOT Measure is subject to public disclosure of all spending; strict accountability requirements; public transparency; independent annual financial and performance audits; and local control of all funds for the benefit of Rancho Palos Verdes residents while prohibiting the County or State from spending local funds generated by the TOT Measure; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized pursuant to Revenue & Taxation Code § 7280 and California Constitution Article XIII C, subject to approval by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City voting in an election on the issue, to levy a Transient Occupancy Tax for general purposes pursuant to Government Code § 53723; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proposition 218 (California Constitution, Article XIII C, §2(b)), the general rule is that any local election for the approval of an increase to a general tax must be consolidated with a regularly scheduled general election for members of the governing body of the local government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 53724, a Transient Occupancy Tax ordinance proposing to increase the "Tax Imposed" in Section 3.16.030 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code from ten percent (10%) to thirteen percent (13%) must be duly approved for placement on the ballot by a minimum two-thirds (2/3) supermajority of all members of the City Council in order to place the TOT Measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot, and the vote requirement for the TOT Measure to pass is a majority (50%+1) of the qualified voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 ; and

WHEREAS, the TOT ordinance to be considered by the qualified voters and the terms of approval, collection, and use of the general Transient Occupancy Tax is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein by this reference, in accordance with all applicable laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9222, Government Code § 53724, and any other applicable requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to the City, the City Council, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members, hereby orders the TOT Measure to be submitted to the voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Section 3. The City Council, pursuant to Elections Code § 9222, hereby orders that the ballot question for the TOT Measure shall be presented and printed upon the ballot submitted to the qualified voters in the manner and form set forth in this Section 3. On the ballot to be submitted to the qualified voters at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in addition to any other matters required by law, there shall be printed substantially the following ballot question:

Rancho Palos Verdes Public Safety/City Services Measure: To help prepare for and respond to wildfires/natural disasters; maintain roads/storm drains; prevent sinkholes; address landslides/land movement; and support general city services, shall the transient occupancy tax (paid only by hotel/motel guests) be adjusted from 10% to 13%, providing approximately \$2,200,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, spending disclosures, all funds benefiting Rancho Palos Verdes which cannot be taken by the State or Los Angeles County, be adopted?	YES
	NO

Section 4. The text of the proposed TOT Ordinance is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution, and the City Council hereby approves the TOT Ordinance and the form thereof and will adopt it in the normal manner for the adoption of ordinances. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make any changes to the text of the TOT Ordinance or this Resolution as required to conform to any requirements of law.

Section 5. The City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

Section 6. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9280, the City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the TOT Measure to the City Attorney in order to prepare an impartial analysis of the TOT Measure, and the City Attorney shall transmit such impartial analysis to the City Clerk not later than the deadline for submittal of primary arguments for or against the TOT Measure.

Section 7. Notice of the election is hereby 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. Pursuant to §§10402 and 10403 of the Elections Code, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of the submission of the TOT Measure at the General Municipal Election with the election conducted by Los Angeles County to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Section 9. The full text of the TOT Measure shall not be printed in the voter information guide. A statement shall be printed on the ballot pursuant to Elections Code § 9223 advising voters that they may obtain a copy of this Resolution and the TOT Measure, at no cost, upon request made to the City Clerk.

Section 10. The City Clerk shall, not later than the 88th day prior to the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, file with the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of Voters of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, a certified copy of this Resolution.

Section 11. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9295, this TOT Measure will be available for public examination for no fewer than ten (10) calendar days prior to being submitted for printing in the voter information guide. The City Clerk shall post notice in the Clerk's office of the specific dates that the examination period will run.

Section 12. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the TOT Measure is not a "project" subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Public Resources Code Section §§ 21000 *et seq.*) as it relates to organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Section 13. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, that provision shall be severed from the Resolution and the remainder of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect, and not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 14. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

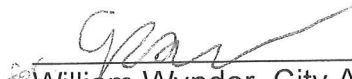
Section 15. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes this 21st day of July, 2026.

BY: _____

Paul Seo, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP


William Wynder, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes at a regular meeting held on the 21st day of July, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Bradley, Ferraro, Lewis, Perestam and Mayor Seo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Dated: 7/21/26


Teresa Takaoka, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-62

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE DRAFTING OF DIRECT ARGUMENTS, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENT(S) AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS REGARDING A CITY TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election is to be held in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California on November 3, 2026, at which the following ballot question will be submitted to the voters of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in connection with the consideration of a proposed ordinance increasing the "Tax Imposed" in Section 3.16.030 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code from ten percent (10%) to thirteen percent (13%) ("TOT Measure"):

Rancho Palos Verdes Public Safety/City Services Measure: To help prepare for and respond to wildfires/natural disasters; maintain roads/storm drains; prevent sinkholes; address landslides/land movement; and support general city services, shall the transient occupancy tax (paid only by hotel/motel guests) be adjusted from 10% to 13%, providing approximately \$2,200,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, spending disclosures, all funds benefiting Rancho Palos Verdes which cannot be taken by the State or Los Angeles County, be adopted?	YES
	NO

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

Section 1. Primary Arguments. That the City Council authorizes (i) the City Council or any member(s) of the City Council, (ii) any individual voter eligible to vote on the above TOT Measure, (iii) a bona fide association of such citizens or (iv) any combination of voters and associations, to file a written argument in favor of or against the TOT Measure, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, in accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, and to change the argument until and including the date fixed below by the City Clerk, after which no arguments for or against the TOT Tax Measure may be submitted to the City Clerk.

The deadline to submit arguments for or against the TOT Measure pursuant to this Resolution is declared by the City Clerk to be **August 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Each

argument shall not exceed 300 words and shall be filed with the City Clerk, signed, and include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

Section 2. Rebuttal Arguments. Pursuant to § 9285 of the Elections Code of the State of California, when the City Clerk has selected the primary arguments for and against the TOT Measure which will be printed and distributed to the voters, the City Clerk shall send copies of the primary argument in favor of the TOT Measure to the authors of the primary argument against, and copies of the primary argument against to the authors of the primary argument in favor. The authors or persons designated by them may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. The rebuttal arguments shall be filed with the City Clerk not later than **August 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Rebuttal arguments shall be printed in the same manner as the primary arguments. Each rebuttal argument shall immediately follow the primary argument which it seeks to rebut.

Section 3. Multiple Arguments. In the event that more than one argument for or against the TOT Measure is timely submitted, the City Council's duly appointed elections official shall give preference and priority first, to arguments submitted by a member of the City Council, as authorized by this Resolution, and second, to individual voters, bona fide associations, or a combination thereof, in the order set forth at Elections Code § 9287.

Section 4. Impartial Analysis. The City Council hereby directs the City's designated elections official to transmit a copy of the TOT Measure to the City Attorney. In accordance with Elections Code § 9280, the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the TOT Measure, not to exceed five hundred (500) words in length, showing the effect of the TOT Measure on the existing law and the operation of the Measure. The analysis shall include a statement indicating whether the TOT Measure was placed on the ballot by the governing body of the City. In the event the entire text of the TOT Measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there shall be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in no less than 10-point bold type, a legend substantially as follows: "The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance No. ____ or Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (310) 544-5217 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you." The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City's designated elections official for the filing of primary arguments.

Section 5. Distribution of Impartial Analysis and Arguments. The City's designated elections official shall cause the City Attorney's Impartial Analysis, and duly selected arguments, to be printed and distributed to voters in accordance with State law regarding same.

Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

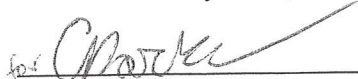
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes on this 21st day of July, 2026.

BY:


Paul Seo, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Aleshire & Wynder, LLP


William Wynder, City Attorney

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AYES: Bradley, Ferraro, Lewis, Perestam and Mayor Seo
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


Teresa Takaoka, City Clerk