

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE TAKING A POSITION IN SUPPORT OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY MEASURE A THAT IS QUALIFIED FOR THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025

WHEREAS, recent federal legislation (“H.R. 1”) enacted on July 4, 2025, cut federal support for public services, including substantial reductions for Medicaid (known as Medi-Cal in California) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (known as CalFresh in California); and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County (“County”) anticipates more than \$1 billion annually in lost revenue due to H.R. 1 that would put access to healthcare and food assistance at risk for thousands of families in the County, including one in four County residents (465,000) relying on Medi-Cal, and 133,000 County residents relying on CalFresh for food assistance; and

WHEREAS, Medi-Cal funding accounts for more than half of all revenue for Santa Clara Valley Healthcare, the County’s healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara Valley Healthcare operates three of the five general acute care hospitals, the only two trauma centers, the only burn center, as well as 10 major health clinics in San José; and

WHEREAS, San José residents rely on Santa Clara Valley Healthcare when San José residents are in crisis including 60% of 911 ambulance trips from San José and 98% of trauma cases transported by ambulance are taken to a County hospital; and

WHEREAS, after declaring a fiscal emergency, the County Board of Supervisors placed Measure A on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 Special Election, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize a retail transactions and use tax (sales tax) of 0.625% (five-eighths of one percent) in Santa Clara County for a limited period of five years, beginning on April 1, 2026 and ending on April 1, 2031; and

WHEREAS, the estimated \$330 million in annual revenue from the Measure A sales tax would partially offset the loss of federal funding from H.R. 1.; as a general tax, the County could use the funds to support Santa Clara Valley Healthcare hospitals and clinics, provide social services, or for any other legitimate governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to support Measure A in order to help maintain funding of critical health and safety net services in the face of massive federal aid cuts that could have devastating impacts on San José residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby takes the following position on a State ballot measure that is qualified for the California special election on November 4, 2025:

Measure A: General Retail Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax of Five-Eighths of One Cent for Five Years – SUPPORT

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk