

Legislation Text

File #: 20-827, **Version:** 1

Potential Ballot Measure for November 3, 2020 Election for Cardroom Revenue Measure.

Adopt a resolution of the City Council:

(a) Calling and giving notice, on its own motion, for a Special Municipal Election to be consolidated with the Statewide General Election on November 3, 2020, to submit to the electors of the City of San José a measure to increase the cardroom tax on the gross revenues of cardrooms, add a new tax on the gross revenues of third party providers of proposition player services and increase the number of card tables with the following statement of the measure to be printed in the ballot:

To fund general San José services, including fire protection, disaster preparedness, 911 emergency response, street repair, youth programs, addressing homelessness, and supporting vulnerable residents, shall an ordinance be adopted increasing the cardroom tax rate from 15% to 16.5%, applying the tax to third party providers at these rates: up to \$25,000,000 at 5%; \$25,000,001 to \$30,000,000 at 7.5%; and over \$30,000,000 at 10%, increasing card tables by 30, generating approximately \$15,000,000 annually, until repealed.

(b) Directing the City Clerk to, pursuant to Elections Code Section 12111, cause a synopsis of the proposed measure to be published at least one time not later than one week before the election in the San José Mercury News, a newspaper of general circulation within the City of San José, instead of printing the full text of the measure in the Sample Ballot;

(c) Authorizing the City Council or any member or members of the City Council to submit a ballot argument in favor of the measure, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282;

(d) Authorizing the submittal of rebuttal arguments pursuant to Elections Code Section 9285;

(e) Directing the City Attorney to prepare an Impartial Analysis of the measure, pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280; and

(f) Directing the City Clerk to take all other actions necessary to place this measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-004, Government Funding Mechanism or Fiscal Activity with no commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (City Manager)