

Party Preference and Political Party Endorsement

On the ballot, the political party preference, or no party preference, as indicated on the candidate's voter registration will be listed next to the candidate's name. The party designation is shown on the ballot for information to the voters only and it does not constitute or imply an endorsement by the party designated. Parties may provide a list of candidates for voter-nominated offices that they have endorsed. Those candidates who have received the official endorsement of the party for printing in this booklet are listed below.

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, ELECTION

Party	Contests	Candidate
Democratic	Governor Secretary of State State Controller State Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Board of Equalization, 2 nd Dist U. S. Senator U.S. Representative, 24 th Dist State Assembly, 35 th Dist Superintendent of Public Instruction	Gavin Newsom Alex Padilla Betty T. Yee Fiona Ma Xavier Becerra Ricardo Lara Malia Cohen Kevin de Leon Salud Carbajal Bill Ostrander Tony K. Thurmond
Republican	Governor Secretary of State State Controller State Treasurer Attorney General Board of Equalization, 2 nd Dist U.S. Representative, 24 th Dist State Assembly, 35 th Dist	John H. Cox Mark P. Meuser Konstantinos Roditis Greg Conlon Steven C. Bailey Mark Burns Justin Fareed Jordan Cunningham
American Independent	Governor Secretary of State State Controller State Treasurer Attorney General Insurance Commissioner Board of Equalization, 2 nd Dist U.S. Representative, 24 th Dist State Assembly, 35 th Dist Superintendent of Public Instruction	John H. Cox Mark P. Meuser Konstantinos Roditis Greg Conlon Steven C. Bailey Steve Poizner Mark Burns Justin Fareed Jordan Cunningham Marshall Tuck

*The order of parties follows the Randomized Alphabet Drawing conducted by the County.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2018

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for or against candidates for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; Presiding Justice, Court of Appeal; or Associate Justice, Court of Appeal, fill in the OVAL to the right of the word "YES" or "NO," respectively. To vote for any other candidate whose name appears on the ballot, fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of the candidate's name. Do not vote for more than the number of candidates allowed. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write in the candidate's name on the Write-In line and fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT. To vote for a measure, fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of the word "YES" or the word "NO". Marking the ballot outside of the designated space to vote for a candidate or measure may compromise the secrecy of the ballot. If you tear, deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another. TO VOTE, USE BALLPOINT WITH DARK INK TO FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY LIKE THIS:



VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES

All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan office. The party preference, if any, designated by a candidate for a voter-nominated office is selected by the candidate and is shown for the information of the voters only. It does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party or that the party approves of the candidate. The party preference, if any, of a candidate for a nonpartisan office does not appear on the ballot.

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STATE	
GOVERNOR	Vote for One
JOHN H. COX <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Republican Businessman/Taxpayer Advocate	
GAVIN NEWSOM <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic Lieutenant Governor/Businessman	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	Vote for One
ED HERNANDEZ <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic State Senator/Businessman	
ELENI KOUNALAKIS <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic Businesswoman/Economic Advisor	
SECRETARY OF STATE	Vote for One
ALEX PADILLA <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic Secretary of State	
MARK P. MEUSER <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Republican Election Law Attorney	
CONTROLLER	Vote for One
KONSTANTINOS RODITIS <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Republican Businessman/CFO	
BETTY T. YEE <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic California State Controller	
TREASURER	Vote for One
GREG CONLON <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Republican Businessman/CPA	
FIONA MA <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic CPA/Taxpayer Representative	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	Vote for One
STEVEN C. BAILEY <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Republican Retired California Judge	
XAVIER BECERRA <input type="radio"/>	
Party Preference: Democratic Appointed Attorney General of the State of California	

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	Vote for One
RICARDO LARA Party Preference: Democratic California Senator	<input type="radio"/>
STEVE POIZNER Party Preference: None Businessman/Non-Profit Director	<input type="radio"/>
MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION 2nd District	Vote for One
MALIA COHEN Party Preference: Democratic President, San Francisco County Supervisors	<input type="radio"/>
MARK BURNS Party Preference: Republican Realtor/Businessman	<input type="radio"/>
UNITED STATES SENATOR	Vote for One
DIANNE FEINSTEIN Party Preference: Democratic United States Senator	<input type="radio"/>
KEVIN DE LEON Party Preference: Democratic California Senator	<input type="radio"/>
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 24th District	Vote for One
SALUD CARBAJAL Party Preference: Democratic Member of Congress	<input type="radio"/>
JUSTIN FAREED Party Preference: Republican Small Businessman/Rancher	<input type="radio"/>
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY 35th District	Vote for One
BILL OSTRANDER Party Preference: Democratic Farmer/Nonprofit Director	<input type="radio"/>
JORDAN CUNNINGHAM Party Preference: Republican Assemblymember/Small Businessman	<input type="radio"/>

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JUDICIAL					
VOTE YES OR NO FOR EACH OFFICE					
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT Shall Associate Justice CAROL A. CORRIGAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT Shall Associate Justice LEONDRA R. KRUGER be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1 Shall Associate Justice VICTORIA G. CHANEY be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 1 Shall Associate Justice HELEN BENDIX be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 2 Shall Presiding Justice ELWOOD LUI be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 3 Shall Associate Justice LUIS A. LAVIN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 3 Shall Associate Justice HALIM DHANIDINA be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 3 Shall Associate Justice ANNE H. EGERTON be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 4 Shall Presiding Justice NORA M. MANELLA be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 4 Shall Associate Justice THOMAS WILLHITE be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 5 Shall Associate Justice DOROTHY C. KIM be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 5 Shall Associate Justice CARL H. MOOR be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 5 Shall Associate Justice LAMAR W. BAKER be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
	NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 6 Shall Presiding Justice ARTHUR GILBERT be elected to the office for the term provided by law?	YES <input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 6 Shall Associate Justice MARTIN J. TANGEMAN be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 7 Shall Associate Justice GAIL R. FEUER be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 7 Shall Associate Justice JOHN L. SEGAL be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
FOR PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEAL 2nd Appellate District, Div. 8 Shall Presiding Justice TRICIA A. BIGELOW be elected to the office for the term provided by law?		YES <input type="radio"/>
		NO <input type="radio"/>
SCHOOL		
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION		
Vote for One		
MARSHALL TUCK Schools Improvement Director		<input type="radio"/>
TONY K. THURMOND Educator/State Legislator		<input type="radio"/>
Write-In		<input type="radio"/>

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LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1	
	Vote for no more than Two
CHAD ROBERTSON Incumbent	<input type="radio"/>
STACY MEKO Wine Industry Consultant	<input type="radio"/>
DAWN L. MEEK Retired Teacher	<input type="radio"/>
MICHAEL SULLIVAN Clinical Laboratory Scientist	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>
LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3	
	Vote for One
VERN DAHL Incumbent	<input type="radio"/>
ANDREA VERGNE Community Volunteer	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>

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CITY	
CITY OF GROVER BEACH MAYOR	Vote for One
JEFF LEE Council Member/Engineer	<input type="radio"/>
ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOUKAS Court Reporter	<input type="radio"/>
DEBBIE D. PETERSON Business Woman/Councilmember	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>
CITY OF GROVER BEACH COUNCILMEMBER	Vote for no more than Two
ROBERT ROBERT Electrical Contractor	<input type="radio"/>
BARBARA NICOLLS Incumbent	<input type="radio"/>
MARIAM SHAH Incumbent	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>
Write-In	<input type="radio"/>

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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS					
STATE					
<p>1 AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND SPECIFIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for existing affordable housing programs for low-income residents, veterans, farmworkers, manufactured and mobile homes, infill, and transit-oriented housing. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$170 million annually over the next 35 years.</p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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<p>2 AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND EXISTING HOUSING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Amends Mental Health Services Act to fund No Place Like Home Program, which finances housing for individuals with mental illness. Ratifies existing law establishing the No Place Like Home Program. Fiscal Impact: Allows the state to use up to \$140 million per year of county mental health funds to repay up to \$2 billion in bonds. These bonds would fund housing for those with mental illness who are homeless.</p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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<p>3 AUTHORIZES BONDS TO FUND PROJECTS FOR WATER SUPPLY AND QUALITY, WATERSHED, FISH, WILDLIFE, WATER CONVEYANCE, AND GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AND STORAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$8.877 billion in state general obligation bonds for various infrastructure projects. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging \$430 million per year over 40 years. Local government savings for water-related projects, likely averaging a couple hundred million dollars annually over the next few decades.</p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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<p>4 AUTHORIZES BONDS FUNDING CONSTRUCTION AT HOSPITALS PROVIDING CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Authorizes \$1.5 billion in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipping of qualifying children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: Increased state costs to repay bonds averaging about \$80 million annually over the next 35 years.</p>	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr><tr><td>NO</td><td><input type="radio"/></td></tr></table>	YES	<input type="radio"/>	NO	<input type="radio"/>
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5 CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS TO TRANSFER THEIR PROPERTY TAX BASE TO REPLACEMENT PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Removes certain transfer requirements for homeowners over 55, severely disabled homeowners, and contaminated or disaster-destroyed property. Fiscal Impact: Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual property taxes early on, growing to about \$1 billion per year. Similar increase in state costs to backfill school property tax losses.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

6 ELIMINATES CERTAIN ROAD REPAIR AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING. REQUIRES CERTAIN FUEL TAXES AND VEHICLE FEES BE APPROVED BY THE ELECTORATE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Repeals a 2017 transportation law's taxes and fees designated for road repairs and public transportation. Fiscal Impact: Reduced ongoing revenues of \$5.1 billion from state fuel and vehicle taxes that mainly would have paid for highway and road maintenance and repairs, as well as transit programs.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

7 CONFIRMS CALIFORNIA DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO FEDERAL LAW. ALLOWS LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERIOD. LEGISLATIVE STATUTE. Gives Legislature ability to change daylight saving time period by two-thirds vote, if changes are consistent with federal law. Fiscal Impact: This measure has no direct fiscal effect because changes to daylight saving time would depend on future actions by the Legislature and potentially the federal government.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

8 REGULATES AMOUNTS OUTPATIENT KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS CHARGE FOR DIALYSIS TREATMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Requires rebates and penalties if charges exceed limit. Requires annual reporting to the state. Prohibits clinics from refusing to treat patients based on payment source. Fiscal Impact: Overall annual effect on state and local governments ranging from net positive impact in the low tens of millions of dollars to net negative impact in the tens of millions of dollars.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

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9 Proposition 9 was removed from the ballot by order of the California Supreme Court.

10 EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Repeals state law that currently restricts the scope of rent-control policies that cities and other local jurisdictions may impose on residential property. Fiscal Impact: Potential net reduction in state and local revenues of tens of millions of dollars per year in the long term. Depending on actions by local communities, revenue losses could be less or considerably more.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

11 REQUIRES PRIVATE-SECTOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE EMPLOYEES TO REMAIN ON-CALL DURING WORK BREAKS. ELIMINATES CERTAIN EMPLOYER LIABILITY. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Law entitling hourly employees to breaks without being on-call would not apply to private-sector ambulance employees. Fiscal Impact: Likely fiscal benefit to local governments (in the form of lower costs and higher revenues), potentially in the tens of millions of dollars each year.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

12 ESTABLISHES NEW STANDARDS FOR CONFINEMENT OF SPECIFIED FARM ANIMALS; BANS SALE OF NONCOMPLYING PRODUCTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE. Establishes minimum requirements for confining certain farm animals. Prohibits sales of meat and egg products from animals confined in noncomplying manner. Fiscal Impact: Potential decrease in state income tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not more than several million dollars annually. State costs up to \$10 million annually to enforce the measure.

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

COUNTY

G-18 Shall an ordinance be adopted amending the San Luis Obispo County General Plan and County Code to prohibit any new petroleum extraction and all well stimulation treatments, as defined in the full-text of the measure, including hydraulic fracturing and acid well stimulation, on all lands within the unincorporated area of the county?

YES	<input type="radio"/>
NO	<input type="radio"/>

Sample Ballot

CITY

CITY OF GROVER BEACH

L-18 To provide funding for maintaining fire and police services, repairing streets, maintaining parks, and other general city services; shall the City of Grover Beach adopt an ordinance amending an ordinance increasing the Transient Occupancy Tax rate charged for hotels and other visitor-serving accommodations from 10% to 12%, providing \$70,000 annually in unrestricted funding with all funds staying in Grover Beach?

YES

NO

M-18 To provide funding for maintaining fire and police services, repairing streets, maintaining parks, and other general city services; shall the City of Grover Beach adopt an ordinance amending the annual Business Tax Certificate rate from \$55 to a range of \$60 to \$950 based on building square footage and a separate flat rate of \$60 for businesses located outside Grover Beach, providing \$90,000 annually in unrestricted funding with all funds staying in Grover Beach?

YES

NO

VOTER'S PAMPHLET INFORMATION SECTION

The following pages contain voter information applicable to your ballot which may include any/all of the following items:

- Candidates' Statements
- Ballot Measure(s)
- Impartial Analysis
- Fiscal Impact/Tax Rate Statement(s)
- Arguments and Rebuttals In Support of or In Opposition To Ballot Measures

This pamphlet section may not contain a statement for each candidate. A complete list of candidates appears on your Ballot/Sample Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this pamphlet is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at his or her expense. Each candidate's statement is printed in uniform format as submitted by the candidate.

Please note that all the statements printed in Spanish, at the candidates' request, follow the English statements for that same contest.

Arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Campaign Finance Reform

Among all state legislative candidates appearing on the ballot in San Luis Obispo County, only the candidate listed below has pledged to abide by campaign spending limits as specified in the California Government Code. Candidates agreeing to the campaign spending limits also have the opportunity to have a Statement of Qualifications printed in the local sample ballot pamphlet, at their own expense.

35th Assembly District Candidate
Bill Ostrander

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 24TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

SALUD CARBAJAL

Occupation: Member of Congress

Education and Qualifications: I'm Salud Carbajal. I'm a proud husband, father, and Marine Corps veteran. I was the first in my family to graduate from a University, working two jobs to pay for my education at UCSB. I know what it's like to struggle and work hard to provide for my family, and I'm committed to making sure other families on the Central Coast have the same opportunities I did to get ahead.

I've strived to represent our Central Coast values in my service. I'm proud to have earned endorsements from the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood for standing up for women's reproductive rights, preserving our environment, and protecting the integrity of our elections.

As a Member of Congress, I've worked with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to find common ground on issues that unite us. I've reached across the aisle to move forward bipartisan legislation that helps create new jobs, addresses the disastrous impacts of climate change, supports our nation's veterans and gold star families, fixes our broken immigration system, and invests in sustainable water infrastructure as our state faces an extended drought.

However, there is more work to be done. I'm willing to tackle the big issues to bring down the cost of health care, not repeal it. I'm fighting to make college more affordable and relieve students of crushing loan debt.

For more information about my campaign, please visit SaludCarbajal.com. I hope to earn your support on November 6th. Thank you.

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
REPRESENTANTE DE EE. UU., DISTRITO 24 DEL CONGRESO**

SALUD CARBAJAL

Ocupación: Miembro del Congreso

Educación y Competencia: Yo soy Salud Carbajal. Soy un orgulloso esposo, padre y veterano del Cuerpo de Marines de Estados Unidos. Fui el primero de mi familia en graduarse de una Universidad, con dos trabajos para pagar mis estudios en UCSB. Sé lo que es esforzarse y trabajar duro para mantener a mi familia, y me comprometo a asegurarme de que otras familias de la Costa Central tengan las mismas oportunidades que yo tuve para salir adelante.

He luchado para representar los valores de la Costa Central durante mi mandato. Me enorgullece haber obtenido el apoyo de Sierra Club y Planned Parenthood para defender los derechos reproductivos de la mujer, preservar el medioambiente y proteger la integridad de las elecciones.

Como Miembro del Congreso, he colaborado con mis colegas Demócratas y Republicanos para ponernos de acuerdo en problemas que nos unen. Me he unido a mis colegas para proceder con una legislación bipartita para crear nuevos trabajos, abordar el grave impacto del cambio climático, apoyar a los veteranos y a las familias de la "estrella de oro" de nuestro país, arreglar el sistema migratorio arruinado, e invertir en infraestructura sostenible de agua debido a la gran sequía que enfrenta nuestro estado.

Sin embargo, hay mucho trabajo por hacer. Estoy dispuesto a resolver los problemas grandes para reducir el costo de la atención médica, no para revocarlo. Estoy luchando para hacer que la universidad sea más asequible y para liberar a los estudiantes de las devastadoras deudas de préstamos.

Para obtener más información sobre mi campaña, visite SaludCarbajal.com. Espero tener su apoyo el 6 de noviembre. Gracias.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, 35th DISTRICT**

BILL OSTRANDER

Occupation: Farmer/Nonprofit Advocate

Education and Qualifications: Health care is our right, not a privilege. Taking care of one another is right ethically, and using the bargaining power of California's 40 million people to negotiate medical costs is the smart thing to do fiscally. Unless you are an insurance company benefiting from a profit-driven healthcare system, this is a win/win.

A fair election process is our right, not something to be bought. We must remove the corruptive influence of using private funds to elect public officials. The insatiable need for campaign funding ruins conversations about governance, focuses politicians on just the wealthiest among us, and prevents us from achieving the legislative outcomes we need.

Access to higher education is our right, and not the privilege of the wealthy. In fact, we declared this in California's Master Plan for Education and we need to return to that commitment. It is not only right ethically: spending money on universal pre-school, more vocational and art programs for high school and college, internship programs, and affordable education are proven smart investments in our economy.

Access to clean air, water, and food is our right, not the privilege of previous generations. We must use our farming practices to combat global warming by drawing down atmospheric carbon and placing it back in our soil where it can improve fertility and water absorption, reducing our dependence on synthetic fertilizers and chemicals. That makes us all healthier.

This is about all of us. Let's put our best selves forward.

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA ASAMBLEA ESTATAL, DISTRITO 35**

BILL OSTRANDER

Ocupación: Granjero/Defensor sin Fines de Lucro

Educación y Competencia: La atención médica es un derecho, no un privilegio. Cuidarnos los unos a los otros es éticamente correcto, y utilizar el poder de negociación de los 40 millones de habitantes de California para negociar los costos médicos es astuto a nivel fiscal. Todos ganan a menos que usted sea una empresa aseguradora que se beneficia del sistema de salud con fines de lucro.

Un proceso electoral justo es nuestro derecho, no algo que se compra. Tenemos que eliminar la costumbre corrupta de utilizar fondos privados para elegir a los funcionarios públicos. La necesidad insaciable de fondos para las campañas arruina las conversaciones sobre la gobernación, hace que los políticos se enfoquen en los más ricos, y evita que obtengamos los logros legislativos que necesitamos.

El acceso a la educación superior es un derecho y no un privilegio de los ricos. De hecho, establecimos esto en el Plan Maestro de Educación de California, y necesitamos recuperar ese compromiso. No es solo éticamente correcto: el gasto de dinero en educación preescolar universal, más programas vocacionales y artísticos para la escuela secundaria y la universidad, los programas de pasantías, y la educación asequible han demostrado ser inversiones inteligentes en nuestra economía.

El acceso al aire, el agua y la comida limpios es un derecho, no un privilegio de las generaciones anteriores. Debemos utilizar nuestras prácticas agrícolas para combatir el calentamiento global al reducir el carbono en la atmósfera y volver a colocarlo en nuestra tierra, donde puede mejorar la fertilidad y la absorción del agua, reduciendo así la dependencia de fertilizantes sintéticos y químicos. Esto nos hace más sanos a todos.

Esto es para todos. Demos lo mejor de nosotros mismos.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

CHAD ROBERTSON

Age: 46

Occupation: Incumbent Board Member, Business Owner, Paramedic

Education and Qualifications: Treating people with the respect they deserve has been – and will continue to be – my first priority as a School Board Member. Listening to and understanding other points of view is the only way to ensure we make the right decisions for our students. I believe my respectful approach has been an essential part of the School Board’s decision process over the past 6 years.

I am seeking re-election because I care about kids. I have two daughters, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends who attend LMUSD schools. The best way I know how to care for them is by making decisions based on reason and objective examination of all the facts. The School Board has faced some difficult choices in the last few years and my bottom line has always been, “What is best for the kids?”

As an Owner of a local business and a Paramedic, I recognize the value of listening to people and understanding their needs. It would be an honor to continue working for the students of Lucia Mar School District for another four years.

Your vote for Chad Robertson is a vote for respect, reason and results.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

STACY MEKO

Age: 57

Occupation: Wine Industry Consultant / Community Volunteer

Education and Qualifications: Before making my way to the paradise we call home in South County 32 years ago, I grew up on the east coast and earned a degree from Georgetown University. My husband and I raised our three children here, all graduates of Nipomo High School.

I have balanced a career in the local wine industry with a passion for community service focused on children and education. Logging thousands of volunteer hours at our local schools, I have served as PTA president and on numerous Lucia Mar committees, including the recent Measure I campaign. In 2014 I co-founded VOLUME (Voices of Lucia Mar for Education), a grassroots coalition improving communication and stakeholder engagement in LMUSD. I am a Community Foundation SLO County Scholarship Committee member and an alumni interviewer for local applicants to Georgetown University.

Serving my community as a LMUSD trustee is an opportunity I take very seriously. There is no greater treasure than our children, and earning your trust to deliver the best possible education with responsible stewardship of district funds is my top priority. I am committed to transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, creative thinking, and genuine collaboration with our teachers, staff, students, parents and community.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 1
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

DAWN L. MEEK

Age: 57

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Education and Qualifications: I am a Summa Cum Laude graduate of California State University, Stanislaus. I hold educational credentials in both Special Education and Multiple Subjects. My experience in public and private schools within multiple states and grades fuels my passionate belief that the future success of our community resides upon the ability of our students to successfully compete within our increasingly complex and technological world.

Our students deserve all of the opportunities that we can provide in order to prepare them to take positions of leadership in the next generation. I believe in a partnership between our homes, schools, and community stakeholders to wisely and transparently allocate precious funds. This provides balance to both long and short-term district goals for the safety and continued ingenuity of our schools and students. Each student matters, and each staff member must be supported in their endeavor to guide our students in becoming lifelong learners and leaders. It would be my privilege to join LMSD management and staff, as they lead our district's students in pursuit of career readiness and their individual career paths.

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**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, ÁREA SINDICAL N.º 1
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lucía Mar**

CHAD ROBERTSON

Edad: 46

Ocupación: Miembro Titular de la Junta, Propietario de Negocio, Paramédico

Educación y Competencia: Tratar a las personas con el respeto que merecen siempre ha sido - y continuará siendo - mi principal prioridad como Miembro de la Junta Escolar. Escuchar y comprender otros puntos de vista es la única manera de asegurarnos de que tomamos las decisiones adecuadas para nuestros estudiantes. Creo que mi enfoque respetuoso ha sido una parte esencial del proceso de toma de decisiones de la Junta Escolar durante los últimos 6 años.

Busco la reelección porque me importan los niños. Tengo dos hijas, sobrinas, sobrinos, vecinos y amigos que asisten a escuelas del LMUSD. La mejor manera que conozco para cuidarlos es mediante la toma de decisiones basadas en el sentido común y en el análisis objetivo de todos los hechos. La Junta Escolar ha atravesado algunas decisiones complicadas en los últimos años y mi punto de referencia siempre ha sido: "¿Qué es lo mejor para los niños?"

Como Paramédico y Propietario de un negocio local, conozco el valor de escuchar a las personas y comprender sus necesidades. Sería un honor seguir trabajando para los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Lucía Mar durante otros cuatro años.

Su voto por Chad Robertson es un voto a favor del respeto, el sentido común y resultados.

**DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, ÁREA SINDICAL N.º 1
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lucía Mar**

STACY MEKO

Edad: 57

Ocupación: Asesora del Sector Vitivinícola/Voluntaria de la Comunidad

Educación y Competencia: Antes de llegar al paraíso que llamo hogar en el Sur del Condado hace 32 años, crecí en la costa este y obtuve un título en Georgetown University. Mi esposo y yo criamos a nuestros tres hijos aquí y todos se graduaron en la Escuela Secundaria Nipomo.

Divido el tiempo entre mi carrera en el sector vitivinícola local y mi pasión por el servicio a la comunidad enfocado en los niños y la educación. Cuento con miles de horas registradas de voluntariado en nuestras escuelas locales y he trabajado como presidenta de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros y en diversos comités de Lucía Mar, inclusive en la reciente campaña por la Iniciativa de Ley I. En 2014, me convertí en cofundadora de VOLUME (Voces de Lucía Mar para la Educación), una coalición comunitaria para la mejora de la comunicación y el compromiso de las partes interesadas en el LMUSD. Soy miembro del Comité de Becas del Condado de SLO y también me desempeño como entrevistadora de ex alumnos para los postulantes locales a Georgetown University.

Servir a mi comunidad como síndica del LMUSD es una oportunidad que me tomo muy en serio. No existe mayor tesoro que nuestros niños; ganarme su confianza para brindar la mejor educación posible mediante una administración responsable de los fondos del distrito es mi principal prioridad. Estoy comprometida con la transparencia, la responsabilidad, la inclusión, el pensamiento creativo y la colaboración genuina con los maestros, el personal, los estudiantes, los padres y la comunidad.

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**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

VERN DAHL

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: For the past 8 years I have served as your School Board representative for the entire district. Thank you! During this time I have represented Lucia Mar on the South County Advisory Council, and on the Oceano Advisory Council as Chairperson. I have developed strong working relationships with all levels of government which make a difference and provide resources for Lucia Mar.

Of the many great accomplishments I have been involved in at Lucia Mar, here are just a few:

Having a Business and Accounting background, I have been involved in making sure our district has a positive certification and our budget is aligned with goals for our students.

I am the trustee that found the solar program for our district, which produces over a million dollars of electricity a year, saving our tax dollars.

I have been instrumental in bringing an anti bullying program and school environment awareness to the district helping to make schools a place where kids want to be.

One of my priorities is to be sure our goals are aligned for all students regardless of background or their goals in life.

I am asking for your vote this election. Let's continue to make great things happen at Lucia Mar Unified School District. Thank you!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER, TRUSTEE AREA NO. 3
Lucia Mar Unified School District**

ANDREA VERGNE

Age: 58

Occupation: Community Volunteer / Educational Advocate

Education and Qualifications: I'm a parent of three children successfully pursuing their careers and mother to a special needs son attending LMUSD. I strive for educational excellence and on creating a safe learning environment where every child has the opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

I'm an At-Large Governor's appointee to the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities, ensuring people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and support they need. I serve on the Advisory Board for CRN, which provides clothing and school supplies to thousands of disadvantaged LMUSD students; served as the LMUSD CAC representative for SELPA, as a parent advocate; A member of the SLO County District Attorney's First Responders, prepared to respond to public health emergencies from a disease outbreak to a natural disaster or act of terrorism.

I worked with farmworkers as an agriculture produce manager and buyer, property manager, research assistant for a law firm, and an assistant to the Dean of Development at California Western School of Law. In moving forward, I will secure and implement educational strategies to achieve observable and measurable academic, social and life skills growth. I will tackle problems within our school system and will address the fiscal challenges our teachers and school district face. I would be honored to have your vote!

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, ÁREA SINDICAL N.º 3
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lucía Mar**

VERN DAHL

Ocupación: Titular

Educación y Competencia: Durante los últimos 8 años he servido a la comunidad como representante de la Junta Escolar para todo el distrito. ¡Gracias! Durante este tiempo, he representado a Lucía Mar en el Concejo Asesor del Sur del Condado y en el Concejo Asesor de Oceano como Presidente. He desarrollado relaciones sólidas de trabajo en todos los niveles gubernamentales que marcan la diferencia y brindan recursos para Lucía Mar.

Estos son algunos de los grandes logros en los que participé en Lucía Mar:

Gracias a mis conocimientos sobre negocios y finanzas, he trabajado para asegurarme de que nuestro distrito tenga una certificación positiva y que nuestro presupuesto concuerde con los objetivos para los estudiantes.

Soy el síndico que descubrió el programa solar para nuestro distrito, que produce más de un millón de dólares en electricidad por año, lo que nos permite ahorrar el dinero de nuestros impuestos.

He desempeñado un rol fundamental para la implementación de un programa contra el bullying y para crear conciencia del entorno escolar en el distrito con el objetivo de lograr que las escuelas sean lugares agradables para los niños.

Una de mis prioridades es garantizar que nuestros objetivos se adapten a los estudiantes, sin importar sus antecedentes ni sus objetivos de vida.

Le pido su apoyo en estas elecciones. Sigamos contribuyendo al desarrollo del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lucía Mar. ¡Gracias!

**DECLARACIÓN DE LA CANDIDATA PARA
MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA GUBERNATIVA, ÁREA SINDICAL N.º 3
Distrito Escolar Unificado de Lucía Mar**

ANDREA VERGNE

Edad: 58

Ocupación: Voluntaria de la Comunidad/Defensora de la Educación

Educación y Competencia: Soy madre de tres niños que actualmente cursan con éxito sus carreras, y madre de un hijo con necesidades especiales que asiste al LMUSD. Lucho por la excelencia educativa y la creación de un entorno de aprendizaje seguro donde cada niño tenga la oportunidad de alcanzar su máximo potencial.

Soy una delegada nombrada por el Gobernador sin cargo específico del Concejo del Estado de California sobre Discapacidades del Desarrollo, que garantiza que las personas con este tipo de discapacidades y sus familias reciban los servicios y la asistencia que necesitan. Formo parte de la Junta Asesora de CRN, que brinda ropa y artículos escolares a miles de estudiantes con pocos recursos del LMUSD; representé al CAC del LMUSD en el SELPA como madre defensora; soy miembro del Equipo de Primera Respuesta del Fiscal de Distrito del Condado de SLO, que se encarga de responder ante emergencias de salud pública, ya sean brotes de enfermedades, desastres naturales o actos de terrorismo.

Trabajé con agricultores como encargada de compras y gerente de producción agrícola, agente inmobiliaria, asistente de investigación para una firma jurídica y asistente del Decano de Desarrollo de la California Western School of Law. En el futuro, garantizaré e implementaré estrategias educativas para lograr un crecimiento visible y medible a nivel académico, social y de habilidades básicas. Abordaré los problemas de nuestro sistema educativo y los desafíos fiscales que enfrentan nuestros maestros y el distrito educativo. ¡Sería un honor contar con su voto!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR
City of Grover Beach**

JEFF LEE

Age: 51

Occupation: Council Member / Engineer

Education and Qualifications: I am running for Mayor of Grover Beach and would be honored to have your vote. I have been on the City Council since 2012. I am working to fix our streets and building a better future. I bring a solid foundation of leadership, experience and trust to the position of Mayor and will complete the train station expansion, the beachfront hotel and other hotel and business projects. We will finish what we started.

My Grover Beach Vision: A balanced local economy that includes: Equipped, qualified Firefighters and a strong Police force for a safe, vibrant beach city; Affordable housing for families, well-maintained parks, activities for people of all ages and engaged, involved community members; Well-maintained infrastructure and investment in our water supply through pipe replacement, groundwater protection, conservation and a regional recycled water project.

Listening skills, professionalism, persistence, and compassion are necessary to advocate for our Grover Beach community. I have these skills and as Mayor will advance the conversation in an effort to build consensus in the City and region.

Please visit <https://JeffLeeforGBmayor2018.com> for more information. I look forward to serving as your next Mayor and ask for your vote on November 6, 2018. Thank you!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR
City of Grover Beach**

ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOUKAS

Age: 59

Occupation: Court Reporter

Education and Qualifications: As a resident and involved/concerned citizen of Grover Beach for almost 20 years, I am committed to the health, prosperity and future of the City of Grover Beach. I care about our community, I care about all citizens and their accessibility to City Hall. I care about justice and fairness to all who are involved with our beautiful city by the sea. Having attended many city council meetings and having witnessed and experienced the current and failing system of our local government over these many years, I will endeavor to ensure accountability, transparency, and openness for our fiscal health now and into the future so that our city can prosper and thrive. I will strictly adhere to the newly passed Declaration of Human Rights affirming the city's support of fundamental and equal human rights regardless of race, gender, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation. My highest priority is to create a system whereby all citizens can participate in the business of this city and be heard. Every citizen's voice and participation is our most critical, essential and valued asset.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR
City of Grover Beach**

DEBBIE PETERSON

Occupation: Councilmember Grover Beach

Education and Qualifications: I was honored to serve as your first directly-elected female mayor from 2012 to 2014 and now serve as a city councilmember.

I was the mayor who brought you the bond that you approved to fix our streets. I am committed to being sure that you are heard, you are represented, and your taxes bring the improvements you want to see in our city.

I have a 13-year track record of serving city, county and statewide as your representative, first as a planning commissioner, then as a councilmember, and mayor. I stand firm for open government, transparency and accountability with local government agencies and boards.

My experience as a business owner has equipped me to bring millions of dollars of reforms to our sanitation district and more transparent representation on several agency boards.

As your mayor I will fight for your community vision and resources to protect our small-town quality of life. I stand for straightforward approachable government. I reach out across wide political chasms. I speak up to represent you.

Please vote: Debbie Peterson for Mayor of Grover Beach.

I'd love to hear from you. My cell: (805) 550-4490.

www.MayorDebbiePeterson.com

**DECLARACIÓN DEL CANDIDATO PARA
ALCALDE
Ciudad de Grover Beach**

JEFF LEE

Edad: 51

Ocupación: Miembro del Concejo / Ingeniero

Educación y Competencia: Me estoy postulando como Alcalde de Grover Beach y sería un honor para mí contar con su voto. He formado parte del Concejo Municipal desde el 2012. Estoy trabajando para reparar nuestras calles y construir un futuro mejor. Ofrezco una base sólida de liderazgo, experiencia y confianza para la posición de Alcalde y completaré la ampliación de la estación de trenes, el hotel con vista a la playa y otros proyectos hoteleros y comerciales. Terminaremos lo que comenzamos.

Mi visión de Grover Beach: Una economía local equilibrada que incluye: Bomberos equipados y calificados, y un sólido cuerpo de Policías para tener una ciudad costera segura y vibrante; Viviendas asequibles para familias, parques bien mantenidos, actividades para personas de todas las edades y miembros de la comunidad comprometidos e involucrados; Infraestructura bien mantenida e inversiones en nuestro suministro de agua a través del reemplazo de cañerías, la protección y conservación de las aguas subterráneas, y un proyecto regional de reciclado de agua.

El hecho de saber escuchar, el profesionalismo, la persistencia y la compasión son habilidades necesarias para promover nuestra comunidad de Grover Beach. Poseo estas habilidades y como Alcalde fomentaré la conversación en un intento de construir consenso en la Ciudad y en la región. Visite <https://JeffLeeforGBmayor2018.com> para obtener más información. Espero ser su próximo Alcalde y le pido su voto para el 6 de noviembre de 2018. ¡Gracias!

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Grover Beach**

ROBERT ROBERT

Age: 59

Occupation: Electrical Contractor

Education and Qualifications: Hello my name is Robert Robert. I have lived in Grover Beach for 13 years. I am an Electrical Contractor. I believe that I am qualified to be a candidate for the Grover Beach City Council as I have the time to devote to this service to my community. I will always be accessible to you, the residents of Grover Beach, with an open-door policy any time day or night. Most of you know me by my community service endeavors and my love for this community and the environment. My vision for Grover Beach is a strong community, a strong business community, and a place that entices people to move here to raise their children and to enjoy our beautiful surrounding. I will need help and I will ask for your help. Let my vision be your vision. Let's do this new City Council together.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Grover Beach**

BARBARA NICOLLS

Age: 80

Occupation: Retired

Education and Qualifications: Since retiring to Grover Beach 18 years ago, our family has been actively engaged in our community as volunteers at Parks and Recreation events, local community service organizations, supporting local candidate's campaigns and City ballot measures, and at Grover Beach Community Library as librarian and Board member.

In December, 2014, I was gratified to be elected to our City Council, following my husband's 8 years of service. In my 4 years as a Council Member I have been privileged to serve as City Representative to South County Transit Board, Community Action Partners SLO Board, SLO Water Resources Advisory Committee, Economic Vitality Corp. Board, Five Cities Fire Authority Board, GB/AG Chamber of Commerce Government Committee, and South SLO County Sanitation District Board.

I have learned a great deal about local government and enjoy the challenge of getting economic development and infrastructure projects funded, approved and completed for the benefit of our residents.

I'm seeking re-election because I'm dedicated to continuing the positive direction of our City. Our biggest challenge is in creating more affordable housing at every level of income, and I have been networking with a variety of organizations in this regard.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL
City of Grover Beach**

MARIAM SHAH

Age: 41

Occupation: Incumbent

Education and Qualifications: My name is Mariam Shah, and I respectfully request your vote for Grover Beach City Council. I've served on the Grover Beach City Council for four years, and I enjoy the job immensely. I get to work with residents, find creative solutions and help shape our city's future. My record speaks for itself. My attendance is impeccable. I am prepared for meetings, and I ask tough questions. I make every attempt to respond to all calls and emails from residents. I listen to residents and my peers to find consensus. I avoid disrespectful, divisive politics. I also represent Grover Beach on multiple countywide committees. I am the Vice-Chair of the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District, an appointment I received with bi-partisan support. I am the Vice-Chair of the Homeless Services Oversight Committee, our county's advisory body on homelessness. I am married to Dr. Asad Shah and am mom to Bibi (nine) and Bobby (six). I am the President of the Grover Heights Elementary PTA and a board member of the Grover Beach Community Library. I have a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and am licensed to practice law in New York and Ohio.

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G-18**

This measure proposes the adoption of an ordinance through the initiative process. If 51% of qualified voters vote to approve the measure, an ordinance will be adopted amending the San Luis Obispo County General Plan, including the Local Coastal Program, and Title 22 and Title 23 of the San Luis Obispo County Code, to prohibit well stimulation treatments and any new petroleum extraction on all land within the unincorporated area of the county. The intended purpose of the measure is to protect county land, water, and quality of life.

Some impacts of the measure are uncertain because it is not known to what extent the banned or limited well stimulation activities are either utilized or necessary to the recovery of oil or gas in the county. The measure bans any new petroleum extraction but permits as a "nonconforming use" any petroleum extraction existing on the effective date of the measure (10 days after the vote approving the measure is declared by the board of supervisors [Elec. Code, § 9122]; hereafter "the effective date"). Such extraction may not be enlarged, increased, or otherwise expanded or intensified after the effective date. The measure prohibits all well stimulation treatments, even those currently existing on the measure's effective date. Well stimulation treatments include fracking and acidizing (acid well stimulation), which can be used, where effective, to enhance recovery of petroleum.

The legality of the measure is uncertain. To the extent the measure regulates drilling operations underground, it may be preempted by state or federal law. San Luis Obispo County retains land use regulation on the surface, but the validity of local land use regulations that impact how wells are operated below ground is not clear. In addition, the measure's regulatory restrictions on certain oil extraction without compensation may result in claims of an unconstitutional "taking" of mineral rights. In order to avoid an unconstitutional taking and county liability, the measure provides authority for the county to grant a limited exemption to the regulations imposed by the measure based on substantial evidence of facts constituting a taking. The procedures for evaluating evidence of a taking and determining the extent of any exemption are not prescribed by the measure. The necessity of utilizing such procedures prior to bringing suit against the county is unknown. Any exemption determination would be subject to judicial review.

The measure requires the county to defend the measure. If the measure is approved, litigation is anticipated. Litigation would likely include claims of preemption and an unlawful taking of private property rights. County resources would be necessary to defend against such claims, and to process taking exemption claims and vested rights claims made by holders of mineral rights.

The measure has been placed on the ballot by the requisite number of voters who signed the initiative petition for the measure. A "yes" vote on the measure is a vote in favor of the measure. A "no" vote is a vote against its adoption.

s/ RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G-18. If you desire a copy of the Ordinance or related materials, you can visit the Election website at www.slovote.com, or you can call the Election's office at 805-781-5228 and a copy will be made available at no cost to you.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR MEASURE G-18

The fiscal impact of Measure G-18 to County revenue and expenditures is inherently difficult to predict due to its intersection with the variable oil market, changing technologies, and potential secondary effects of restricting oil production.

If approved, Measure G-18 prohibits new petroleum extraction and “well stimulation treatment;” existing operations would be allowed to continue as long as they are not expanded or intensified. As stated in Measure G-18, the impacts of petroleum extraction will decrease over time as production from existing wells declines. Additionally, the value of active oil businesses and mineral rights will likely decrease if Measure G is approved, which could impact tax revenue as described below.

Although there may be financial impacts to the County, it is impossible to predict with any certainty what they will be or the net amount. The following fiscal areas would likely be affected if oil extraction decreases:

- **Property Tax:** The assessment of property tax for mineral-producing properties is based on a calculation of oil reserves that the mineral rights holder can access as well as the market price of oil. Restricting the owner’s ability to expand will decrease the value of the mineral rights and thereby decrease taxes.
- **Unitary Tax:** This is similar to property tax except the assessment is calculated by the State rather than the local Assessor. Unitary tax is applied to businesses whose assets cross county boundaries such as transmission lines or pipelines. A decrease in oil production may decrease unitary taxes.
- In Fiscal Year 2017/2018, the oil industry was assessed \$2,304,232 in secured, unsecured and unitary taxes. This represents 0.43% of all assessed taxes for 2017/2018. The taxes were apportioned as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent of Total Funds</u>
○ Schools -	\$ 1,514,626	(0.283%)
○ County General Fund -	\$ 603,596	(0.113%)
○ Special Districts -	\$ 121,543	(0.023%)
○ Cities -	\$ 20,211	(0.004%)
○ RDA Successor Agencies -	\$ 44,255	(0.008%)

There are other potential financial impacts to the County General Fund which are impossible to estimate, including but not limited to:

- The cost of any environmental damage caused by the oil extraction process. The oil industry is regulated by multiple agencies including the Department of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Regulation, Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Air Pollution Control, and the County of San Luis Obispo Planning Department. Although infrequent, even with regulation, oil spills have occurred;
- Any impact to approximately 32 to 76 local oil-industry jobs (source EDD) and the cascading effect to the local economy, including the related consumer spending and associated sales tax;
- County costs for processing applications for exemptions to Measure G-18, including exemptions to avoid unconstitutional takings of property and where there are “vested rights” which may be offset by existing fees;
- Litigation costs defending or opposing exemption approvals or denials;

- Potential litigation costs regarding claims of unconstitutional “takings” of property and/or vested rights. Costs could include monetary awards for damages (the County is not insured against court judgments for “takings” damages).

s/ James P Erb, CPA
Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector
County of San Luis Obispo

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G-18

Beautiful San Luis Obispo County has a bright and prosperous future if we choose to protect our water, agriculture, and tourism. Fracking, acidizing, and expanded petroleum extraction **put that future at risk.**

Measure G lets the people decide, not the oil companies.

- The oil industry has plans to expand drilling in San Luis Obispo County, if we let them.
- They use risky, energy-intensive oil extraction techniques.
- Oil operations, as well as fracking and acidizing, often require transportation and use of toxic chemicals.
- Fracking and expanded drilling pose risks to San Luis Obispo County's water, agricultural heritage, and rural character, and undermine our clean energy future.

Measure G protects our water quality and quantity.

- It bans fracking, acidizing, and expanded drilling, which endanger our groundwater, creeks and soil.
- Fracking uses large quantities of fresh water. Our limited water supplies should be conserved for local farmers and residents, not sacrificed to the oil industry.

Measure G protects our health and safety.

- Studies reveal toxic chemicals used in fracking and acidizing – and pollution from oil extraction – can cause illnesses such as cancer, birth defects, and asthma.
- Scientists have shown fracking and injection can trigger earthquakes – and we live in an already seismically active area.

Measure G protects our economic future.

- **A safe and reliable water supply is essential for a healthy economy.** Reports show:
- **Agriculture** produced \$732 million in crops, contributed \$1.87 billion to the local economy, and supported over 20,000 local jobs in 2011. 2017 crop values totaled nearly \$925 million.
- **Tourism** generated \$75 million in local tax revenue and provided another 20,000 jobs in 2017 alone.

Measure G is fair and balanced.

- It prohibits expanded drilling but allows existing oil operations to continue.
- It gives the County flexibility to protect property rights.

Vote YES on Measure G: Protect Our Water, Our Health, and Our Future.

s/ Natalie Risner, Small Business Owner
s/ Charles Varni, Retired College Teacher
s/ Karen Merriam, Retired Clinical Social Worker
s/ Dale Smith, Retired Veterinarian

ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G-18

As citizens who proudly live in San Luis Obispo County, we care deeply about our County's future and strongly oppose Measure G.

At this time, when our County faces adverse effects due to the closure of Diablo Canyon, Measure G would create more economic uncertainty, hurt our community, and increase our dependence on foreign oil.

Measure G would shut down EXISTING oil and gas production.

- The promoters of this proposition are using scare tactics about fracking to try to pass Measure G. But, there is no hydraulic fracturing in San Luis Obispo County and no plans to do so.
- Measure G is so broadly written that practices safely used for over a century—and which are needed for existing production to continue—would be banned by Measure G.

Measure G would put the County and its taxpayers at risk for millions of dollars in liability that the County is not insured for.

- San Luis Obispo County would be on the hook to pay millions of dollars to property owners whose mineral rights would be violated by Measure G—thus facing drastic reductions in vital public services.
- A state judge already held that a similar measure in Monterey County was illegal and resulted in Monterey being exposed to massive legal liability.

Even the County's own impartial analysis cited the risk of litigation resulting from the measure (7/20/2018).

We need a balanced approach as we transition to a clean energy economy, not the drastic energy shutdown caused by Measure G.

Vote NO on G

/s/ Tom J. Bordonaro, Jr., Assessor, San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Chris Darway, 4th Generation Family Farmer, San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Dr. Dan Howes, Ph.D., Water Engineer, Cal Poly

/s/ Doralyn Henry, Teacher

/s/ James Mulhall, Retired Commander, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G-18

Measure G is a costly ballot initiative that would result in another major employer shutting down in our County-hurting local workers and their families and resulting in new economic problems for our County.

Measure G would shut down existing oil and gas production.

- Practices that have been safely used for over a century and are needed for existing production to continue would be banned by Measure G.
- As a result, Measure G would shut down existing oil and gas production in San Luis Obispo County.

Measure G would result in more economic uncertainty.

- Already, the closure of Diablo Canyon is going to put a heavy economic strain on our county budget.
- If oil and gas production is shut down, the county would lose even more tax revenue, which could result in deep budget cuts to public safety and schools.

Measure G would harm our families and our community.

- Hundreds of workers would be at risk of losing their jobs.
- Millions in annual state and local tax revenues would be lost.

Measure G would expose the County and its taxpayers to massive financial liability.

- The County would be required to defend itself against lawsuits over Measure G, which could cost the County millions of dollars in legal fees alone.

Measure G would increase dependence on foreign oil.

- California produces less than 35% of what is needed to meet the demand of gasoline for our drivers.
- Oil that we do not produce locally would have to be imported from somewhere else, including countries that have poor environmental regulations and terrible human rights standards like Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Russia.
- We should allow local producers to help meet our energy needs in the responsible way, under the strictest environmental regulations in the world.

Vote NO on G.

/s/ George Donati, 4th Generation Family Farmer, San Luis Obispo County

/s/ Dr. Dan Howes, Ph.D., Water Engineer, Cal Poly

/s/ Dr. Rene Bravo, M.D., Children's Health Specialist

/s/ Dee Santos, Lucia Mar Unified School District Trustee

/s/ William Andersen, Firefighter

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G-18

Big Oil is spending big money to protect their profits while they threaten our water, economy, and health. Know the facts:

The “Oil and Gas Shut Down” is a Lie

- Measure G allows San Luis Obispo County’s existing oil operations to continue (see Section 2B of the Initiative).

Big Oil is Risking the Heart of San Luis Obispo County’s Economy

- The County Auditor says oil provides fewer than 80 local jobs and only 0.43% of County-assessed taxes.
- Reports show agriculture and tourism together contribute over 40,000 jobs and billions of dollars to the local economy.
- Agriculture and tourism depend on clean and plentiful water. Groundwater contamination could cause significant economic harm.

Big Oil is Bullying Voters with Threats of Lawsuits

- Courts have confirmed local governments have the power to ban new drilling. If we choose to do that, then Big Oil should back off.
- The measure gives the County flexibility to avoid liability for “taking” anyone’s property rights.

Oil Companies Don’t Care About Our Energy Independence

- They convinced Congress to lift the ban on oil exports to maximize their profits. They also consistently lobby against clean energy measures that would reduce our reliance on overseas fossil fuels.
- San Luis Obispo County oil is refined and sold throughout California and internationally, not just for local consumption.

Measure G stops oil companies from passing the risks of fracking and expanded oil production on to the people of San Luis Obispo County. Vote YES on Measure G.

s/ Ruth Madocks, Organic Farmer

s/ Elizabeth Demsetz, Physics Lecturer, Cal Poly

s/ Sherrl Stoddard, RN

s/ Janine Rands, Retired Social Worker

s/ Douglas Timewell, Retired Farmer

END OF ARGUMENTS FOR MEASURE G-18

**CITY OF GROVER BEACH
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE L-18**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH
AMENDING SECTION 10602 OF CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE X OF THE GROVER BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO INCREASING THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

WHEREAS, the City has adopted Chapter 6 of Article X of the Grover Beach Municipal Code for the purpose of establishing a Transient Occupancy Tax; and

WHEREAS, the current Transient Occupancy Tax is levied for the purpose of establishing a tax revenue and a monetary exaction for the privilege of occupying a hotel/motel within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City; and

WHEREAS, the typical individuals for which this tax is imposed are transient to the City and the impact of this tax is not typically born by residents of the City of Grover Beach, and

WHEREAS, the amount of the tax is 10% of the rent charged by the operator of the hotel/motel; and

WHEREAS, the City has not amended or revised this amount since 1991 and desires to increase this amount to remain consistent with other communities and to address inflationary costs associated with general governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the Council is intending to increase the amount of the tax from 10% to 12%; and

WHEREAS, the City Council placed Measure L-18 on the ballot at the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election that proposed the City enact an increase in the City's Transient Occupancy Tax to 12%.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH does hereby ordain; and **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VOTERS OF GROVER BEACH** as follows:

PART 1. Section 10602 of Chapter 6 of Article X of the Grover Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 10602. Tax Imposed. For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel/motel, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of twelve (12%) percent of the rent charged by the operator. Said tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the City which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the City. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the hotel/motel at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transients ceasing to occupy space in the hotel/motel. If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the hotel/motel, the Tax Administrator may require that such tax shall be paid directly to the Tax Administrator.

PART 2. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be in violation of the law, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any

one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared in violation of the law.

PART 3. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, it shall be published once, together with the names of the Council Members voting thereon, in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L-18

The City Council of the City of Grover Beach has placed Measure L-18 on the November 6, 2018 ballot to ask the voters to approve an ordinance that would enact an increase in the City's Transient Occupancy Tax on hotel accommodations operating within the City. The City of Grover Beach imposes a transient occupancy Tax ("TOT"), also called a "room" tax, at the rate of ten percent (10%) of the rent paid by guests for the ability to occupy a room or other space in a hotel or other similar accommodation for dwelling lodging or sleeping purposes (collectively "occupancy" and a "hotel") for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or less. This TOT currently is imposed upon paying hotel guests for the ability to occupy a room or other hotel space and collected by the hotel operator.

Passage of Measure "L-18" would amend the City's Municipal Code as follows:

- Increase the TOT rate from ten percent (10%) to twelve percent (12%) of the rent paid by guests for hotel occupancy. Because the tax is a general tax, its proceeds may be used for any City general governmental purposes, including but not limited to fire and police services, street operations and maintenance, library and parks and recreation facilities and other general municipal services. The tax will remain in effect until voters amend or repeal it.

The current ordinance considers a person transient and subject to the tax up to a total of 30 consecutive days and the TOT will apply only to the first 30 consecutive days of occupancy at a hotel.

Measure L-18 must be approved by a majority of the votes cast by the City voters who vote on the ballot proposition.

A "yes" vote on Measure L-18 will authorize the amendments to the City's Municipal Code described above.

A "no" vote on Measure L-18 will prohibit the City from adopting the amendments to its Municipal Code as described above and the TOT will remain in place at ten percent (10%) until otherwise revised by a majority vote of the voters who vote on a future ballot proposition.

s/ David P. Hale
City Attorney, Grover Beach

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L-18. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at 805-473-4567 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L-18

Your Mayor and a majority of the City Council asks you to vote YES on Measure L-18, which will increase the City's hotel tax paid by tourists and visitors. This measure will generate revenue that would stay in Grover Beach and support a range of municipal services to benefit our community such as maintaining fire, emergency medical, and police services, fixing streets and sidewalks, and maintaining parks and city facilities.

Grover Beach has a track record of careful financial management and is addressing key community needs while maintaining prudent reserves. The City is repairing streets with voter-approved bond funding, replacing aging water and sewer infrastructure with grant funds and revenue from utility rates, and expanding our train station through federal, state, and regional funding. However, we also face growing service needs including ensuring responsive public safety services that are critical to health and safety of our residents and businesses and improving maintenance of parks and facilities that support our community. Measure L-18 would provide ongoing funding for core services that would help improve the quality of life in our city.

Measure L-18 will generate additional revenue paid by tourists and visitors rather than local residents through increasing the hotel tax rate from 10% to 12% which has not been increased since it was established. Tourists and visitors are important to our community and Measure L-18 ensures that they pay a fair share for city services. Measure L-18 is a modest increase that retains the city's competitiveness by keeping total hotel taxes comparable with nearby cities.

Measure L-18 will provide additional funding to support the quality of life for our residents and help make our city even better. We urge you to vote YES on Measure L-18 this November.

s/ John P. Shoals, Mayor

s/ Jeff Lee, Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Mariam Shah, Council Member

s/ Barbara Nicolls, Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L-18 WAS SUBMITTED

**CITY OF GROVER BEACH
FULL TEXT OF MEASURE M-18**

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X OF THE GROVER BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X RELATING TO BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of Article X, “Business Certificate Tax” regulations have not been completely reviewed and updated since 1992; and

WHEREAS, the name of the Chapter is being revised to “Business Tax Certificate” in accordance with the customary use of the term; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of provisions of these regulations are out of date with current standards and protocol; and

WHEREAS, these regulations represent a structural change in the manner in which the tax for Business Tax Certificates are issued; and

WHEREAS, the subject Square Footage Tax will be charged on a flat tiered rate as measured against the square footage of a facility occupied by a business located within the City; and

WHEREAS, for any business located outside of the City, a Business License Tax at an annual flat tax rate of \$60.00 will be levied; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Cannabis Businesses located within or outside of the City will be exempt from this chapter and not subject to obtaining a Business Tax Certificate although they will be subject to the City’s Commercial Cannabis Tax; and

WHEREAS, every person engaged in business activity in the City of Grover Beach, with limited exceptions, are required to obtain a Business Tax Certificate and to pay the City’s Business Square Footage Tax or Business License Tax, as applicable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council placed Measure M-18 on the ballot at the November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election that proposed the City enact a new tax structure for Business Tax Certificates on many businesses established in Grover Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVER BEACH does hereby ordain; and **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VOTERS OF GROVER BEACH** as follows:

PART 1. Chapter 2 of Article X of the City of Grover Beach Municipal Code is hereby repealed on the effective date of this ordinance.

PART 2. Chapter 2 of Article X of the City of Grover Beach Municipal Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2 – BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE

Section 10200 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Chapter:

(A) "Business" shall mean and include professions, trades, vocations, rentals, leases, enterprises, establishments, and occupations and all and every kind of calling, any of which is conducted for the purpose of earning in whole, or in part, a profit or livelihood, whether or not a profit or a livelihood actually is earned thereby, whether paid in money, goods, labor, or otherwise.

(B) "Business Floor Space" means rentable square feet of an office, place of business or lodging within the City of Grover Beach and includes the proportionate share of the building service areas such as lobbies, corridors and other common areas in a building. The rental square footage shall be computed by measuring to the inside finish of permanent outer building walls and shall include space used by columns and projections necessary to the building. Business floor space does not include vertical penetrations through the building such as stairs, elevators, or heating ventilation, air conditioning, utility, or telephone systems. If the Business Floor Space is owned by the taxpayer, the Business Floor Space will be calculated in the same manner as above and as if the area was rented. Business Floor Space for purposes of defining rentable square feet of an auto dealerships or any business which the principal income is derived from selling vehicles shall include the building and facilities along with the area of the dealer lot that contains the inventory of vehicles or where vehicles are parked. The dealer lot may consist of parking areas on the same or separate lot from the dealer's facilities or buildings. For purposes of defining business floor space of any business operated out of a personal residence the Square Footage Tax shall be based on the amount of square foot used for business as designated in the Home Occupation Permit application. Business floor space for purposes of calculating Square Footage Taxes shall be based upon the square footage of each vending machine operated within the city and the applicant shall submit a separate business tax certificate application for each vending machine(s) location.

(C) "Business License Tax" means a tax payable when the City issues a Business Tax Certificate by every person conducting, carrying on, or managing any business within the City of Grover Beach but does not lease, own, occupy or otherwise maintain an office or place of business within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City.

(D) "Business Square Footage Tax" is defined within Section 10217.

(E) "Business Tax" shall include both Business License Taxes and Business Square Footage Taxes.

Section 10201. Nature of Certificate.

The term Business Tax Certificate as used in this Chapter shall not be construed to mean a permit. The taxes prescribed by this Chapter constitute a tax for revenue purposes, and are not regulatory permit fees. The payment of the Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax required by the provisions of this Chapter and its acceptance by the City, and the issuance of such certificate to any person, shall not entitle the holder thereof to carry on any business unless they have complied with all of the requirements of this Chapter and all other applicable provisions of the Grover Beach Municipal Code, or to carry on any business in any building or on any premises designated in such certificate in the event that such building or premises are situated in a zone or locality in which the conduct of such business is in violation of this Code.

Section 10202. Tax Certificate Procurement and Compliance with Regulations.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Chapter, no person, whether as principal or agent, clerk or employee either for himself or for any other person or for anybody corporate, or as an officer of any corporation, or otherwise, shall commence or carry on any trade, calling,

profession or occupation in the City, in this Chapter specified, without first having procured a Business Tax Certificate, and without complying with any and all regulations of such trade, calling, profession or occupation contained in this Chapter. Any person procuring a Business Tax Certificate shall pay the tax as defined within this Chapter.

Section 10203. Tax as Debt.

(A) Any person carrying on any trade, calling, profession or occupation without having a Business Tax Certificate to do so shall be liable for the amount of the tax imposed by this Chapter on such trade, calling, profession or occupation. The amount of such tax, including any penalty or interest thereon, shall be a debt owed to the City.

(B) The City Attorney may file suit in the name of the City, in any court of competent jurisdiction, for any unpaid Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax imposed by this Chapter, within three (3) years from the delinquency date thereof.

(C) The conviction and punishment of any person for transacting any trade, calling, profession or occupation without a Business Tax Certificate shall not excuse or exempt such person from the payment of any Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax due and unpaid at the time of such violation of the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 10204. Issuance of Tax Certificate.

(A) Each applicant for a Business Tax Certificate shall properly fill in an application in such form as the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, may prescribe.

(B) A certificate, in such form as the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, may prescribe, shall be issued on payment of the Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax prescribed in this Chapter and shall be in full force and effect until:

- (1) Certificate holder fails to make payments as required by this Chapter;
- (2) Revoked by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee;
- (3) Business changes address;
- (4) Business is discontinued;
- (5) Business ownership changes;
- (6) The Business Tax Certificate expires.

(C) A certificate holder with no permanent business address within the City shall be issued a Business Tax Certificate for each Business Tax Certificate period, with such Business Tax Certificate showing the expiration date and shall pay the amount of Business License Tax, as required in this Chapter.

(D) No Business Tax Certificate granted or issued under any provision of this Chapter shall in any manner be transferred or assigned.

(E) In no case shall any mistake made by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, in stating the amount of the Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax rate prevent or prejudice the collection of what shall be actually due from anyone carrying on any trade, calling, profession or occupation subject to a Business Tax Certificate under this Chapter.

(F) No Business Tax Certificate shall be issued to any holder of a delinquent Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax until both the Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax and penalty or interest shall have been paid.

Section 10205. Payment of Business Square Footage Tax or Gross Receipts Tax.

(A) All Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Taxes, as applicable under this Chapter, shall be paid in advance at the Administrative Services Department. Where a Business Tax Certificate holder conducts several branches or places of business of the same class, a separate Business Tax Certificate shall be secured covering each branch of such business.

(B) The annual Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax in this Chapter provided shall be due and payable on the first business day of January of each year based upon the methodology of calculation of the Tax as defined within this Chapter.

(C) No greater or less amount of money shall be charged or received for any Business Tax Certificate than is provided in this Chapter.

(D) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, if he/she deems it necessary in order to ensure payment or facilitate collection of Business License Taxes or Business Square Footage Taxes, may require returns and payment of such taxes for other than the time periods specified in this Chapter.

Section 10206. Posting and Exhibition of Business Tax Certificates.

Every person having a Business Tax Certificate under the provisions of this Chapter, and carrying on a trade, calling, profession or occupation at a fixed place of business, shall keep such Business Tax Certificate posted and exhibited while in force in some conspicuous place where such business is being conducted. Every person having a Business Tax Certificate, and not having a fixed place of business within the City, shall carry such Business Tax Certificate with him/her at all times while carrying on the trade, calling, profession or occupation for which the same was granted. Every person having a Business Tax Certificate under the provisions of this Chapter shall produce and exhibit the same whenever requested to do so by any police officer, or by any person authorized to issue, or inspect Business Tax Certificates or certificates for the City, or to collect Business License Taxes or Business Square Footage Taxes for the City.

Section 10207. Certificate Inspectors.

A police officer or the code compliance officer may enter free of charge, during regular business hours, any place of business for which a Business Tax Certificate is required by this Chapter and demand the exhibition of any such Business Tax Certificate by any person engaged or employed in the transaction of such business. The police officer or code compliance officer shall further have the authority to inspect and verify the pertinent square footage of the any building or structure subject to this Chapter.

Section 10208. Information in Business Tax Certificate Application.

(A) Every person required to have a Business Tax Certificate pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall make a written application to the Administrative Service Director, or his/her designee, and submit the following information:

- (1) The nature or kind of business for which the Business Tax Certificate is requested.

(2) The place where the business is to be conducted whether within or outside of the City and, if the business is not to be conducted at a permanent location, the residence address, identified as such, of the owners of the business. For purposes of this Chapter, a post office box is not considered a place of business or a permanent location for purposes of imposing any tax in accordance with this Chapter.

(3) If the application is made for the issuance of Business Tax Certificate to a person to do business under a fictitious name, the names, the last four digits of their social security numbers, and residence addresses of the owners of the business.

(4) If the application is made for the issuance of a Business Tax Certificate to a corporation or partnership, the names, franchise tax number, and residence addresses of the officers or partners thereof.

(5) Any further information that the Administrative Service Director, or his/her designee, may require to enable the issuance of the Business Tax Certificate including documentation supporting the applicant's Gross Receipts as define in this Chapter.

The Administrative Service Director, or his/her designee, will not issue the Business Tax Certificate unless the applicant has submitted the information required within this Section and paid the appropriate tax as required under this Chapter as well as any other unpaid Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax amount due.

(B) No Business Tax Certificate shall be issued except on the filing of the application herein provided for; and in the event it shall appear that incorrect information is contained in such application and that the Business Tax Certificate collected was not in the correct amount, the City shall be entitled to collect any unpaid balance of such Business Licensed Tax or Business Square Footage Tax or if any Business Tax Certificate holder has overpaid, to refund the excess amount collected.

(C) No statements in the application shall be conclusive upon the City, or upon any officer thereof, as to the matters therein set forth, and the same shall not prejudice the right of the City to examine or audit the books or accounts of any person subject to Business Tax Certificate or to recover any amount that may be ascertained to be due, in case such statement should be found to be incorrect. If any person hereby required to make any such statement shall fail to do so, such person shall be required to pay the Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax at such rate as the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, may after investigation, fix as the proper rate to be paid by such person, and shall also be deemed guilty of a violation of this Chapter. The tax shall be at a rate defined within this Chapter, as amended by Sections 10217 or 10218.

Section 10209. Confidential Character of Information Obtained.

(A) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, or any person having an administrative duty under the provisions of this article to the extent permitted by law, will not make known in any manner whatsoever the business affairs, operations, or information obtained by an investigation of records and equipment of any person required to obtain a Business Tax Certificate, or pay a Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax, or any other person visited or examined in the discharge of official duty, or the amount or source of income, profits, losses, expenditures, or any particular thereof, set forth in any statement or application, or to permit any statement or application, or copy of either, or any book containing

any abstract or particulars thereof to be seen or examined by any person. Provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent:

- (1) The disclosure to, or the examination of records and equipment by another city official, employee, or agent for collection of taxes for the sole purpose of administering or enforcing any provisions of this article; or collecting taxes imposed hereunder;
- (2) The disclosure of information to, or the examination of records by, federal, or state officials, or the tax officials of another city, or county, or city and county, if a reciprocal arrangement exists; or to a grand jury or court of law, upon subpoena;
- (3) The disclosure of information and results of examination of records of particular taxpayers, or relating to particular taxpayers, to a court of law in a proceeding brought to determine the existence or amount of any Business Tax liability of the particular taxpayers to the City;
- (4) The disclosure after the filing of a written request to that effect, to the taxpayer, or to his/her successors, receivers, trustees, executors, administrators, assignees, and guarantors, if directly interested, of information as to the items included in the measure of any paid tax, any unpaid tax or amounts of tax required to be collected, interest, and penalties; further provided, however, that the City Attorney approves each such disclosure and that the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, may refuse to make any disclosure referred to in this paragraph when in his/her opinion the public interest would suffer thereby;
- (5) The disclosure of the names and addresses of persons to whom registration certificates have been issued, the names of officers of corporations and members of partnerships to whom registration certificates have been issued, and the general type or nature of their business;
- (6) The disclosure to the City Council by way of public meeting or otherwise of such information as may be necessary in order to permit it to be fully advised as to the facts when a taxpayer files a claim for refund of Business License Taxes or Business Square Footage Taxes, or submits an offer of compromise with regard to a claim asserted against him/her by the City for Business License Taxes or Business Square Footage Taxes, or when acting upon any other matter;
- (7) The disclosure of general statistics regarding taxes collected or business done in the City when reported in the aggregate.

Section 10210. Penalties and Interest.

(A) Penalties on Deficiency Determinations Made Because of Underpayment.

- (1) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall add the penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of the additional assessment, to any additional assessment imposed as a result of a deficiency determination made because of underpayment if any part of the deficiency is due to negligent or intentional disregard of any provision of this Chapter.
- (2) The Administrative Services Director shall add the penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of the additional assessment, to any additional assessment imposed as a result of a deficiency

determination made because of underpayment if any part of the deficiency is due to fraud.

(B) Penalties on Deficiency Determinations Made Because of Failure to File.

(1) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall add the penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of the unpaid Business Tax, to a deficiency determination made because of failure to file a return if such failure to file is due to negligent disregard of any provision of this Chapter.

(2) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall add the penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of the unpaid Business Tax, to a deficiency determination made because of failure to file a return if the person against whom the deficiency determination is made has previously held a Business Tax Certificate in the City of Grover Beach, or if such failure is due to intentional disregard of any provision of this Chapter.

(3) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall add the penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of the unpaid Business Tax, to a deficiency determination made because of failure to file a return if such failure is due to fraud.

(C) Penalties for Delinquent Payment of Business Tax and Deficiency Determinations.

(1) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall, immediately after one (1) calendar month from the date that Business Tax, including deficiency determinations are payable, add to all Business Taxes remaining unpaid the delinquency penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of such delinquent Business Tax, excluding penalties and interest.

(2) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall immediately after two (2) calendar months from the date that Business Taxes, including deficiency determinations, are payable, add to all taxes still remaining unpaid the additional delinquency penalty designated in the Master Fee Schedule, computed as a percentage of the amount of such delinquent taxes, excluding penalties and interest.

(D) Interest on Deficiency Determinations. In addition to the penalty or penalties imposed, interest at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent per month, or fraction thereof, shall be paid on the amount of the Business Tax, exclusive of penalties, from the last day of the first month of the Business Tax Certificate period or periods for which a deficiency determination is imposed until the date of payment.

(E) Extensions of Time to Make Payment. Prior to the due date, the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, may extend, for good cause, for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar month, the time to make any return or payment of taxes. No further extension shall be granted. Any person to whom an extension is granted who makes a return and pays the taxes within the period of extension shall not pay any penalty or interest on the amount of the taxes.

(F) Holidays. In the event the last day of the calendar month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, Business Taxes may be paid without penalty on the first succeeding business day. Thereafter, the penalty, penalties or interest provided in this section shall be added.

(A) If the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, is not satisfied with the return or returns of Business Taxes, or the amount of the Taxes paid to the City by any person, he/she may compute and determine the amount required to be paid upon the basis of the facts contained in the return or returns or upon the basis of any information within his/her possession or that may come into his/her possession. One or more deficiency determinations may be made of the amount due for one or more than one annual period. The amount of each deficiency determination is immediately due and payable. Each determination shall become final and delinquent one (1) calendar month after notice thereof as herein provided.

(B) In making a determination, the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall offset overpayments previously made, if any, together with interest on the overpayments, against any underpayment for a subsequent period or periods, or against penalties and interest on the underpayments. The interest on underpayments and overpayments shall be computed in the manner set forth in this Chapter.

(C) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall give written notice of a deficiency determination to each person against whom a determination is made. The notice may be served personally or by mail. In case of service by mail of any notice required by this Chapter, the service is complete at the time of deposit in the United States Post Office.

(D) Except in the case of fraud, intent to evade this Chapter or authorized rules and regulations, or failure to make a return, every deficiency determination shall be made and notice thereof mailed within three (3) years after the last day of the month following the close of the Business Tax Certificate period for which the amount is determined or within three (3) years after the return is filed, whichever period expires the later.

(E) If any person fails or refuses to make, within the time provided in this Chapter, any return and payment of said Taxes or any portion thereof required by this Chapter or makes a fraudulent return or otherwise willfully attempts to evade this Chapter, the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall proceed in such manner as he/she may deem best to obtain facts and information on which to base his/her estimate of the Taxes due. As soon as the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee procures facts and information upon which to base the assessment of any tax imposed by this Chapter, he/she shall determine and assess against such person the Taxes, interest and penalties provided for by this Chapter. When such a determination is made, the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, shall give written notice of the amount so assessed. Such determination and notice shall be made and mailed within three (3) years after discovery by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, of any fraud, intent to evade or failure to file return. The amount of each deficiency determination is immediately due and payable. Any determination shall become final and delinquent one (1) calendar month after notice thereof as herein provided.

(F) If the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, believes that the collection of any Business Tax will be jeopardized by delay, or if any determination will be jeopardized by delay, he/she shall thereupon make a determination of the taxes due. The amount determined is immediately due and payable. If the amount specified in the determination is not paid within ten (10) days after service of notice thereof upon the person against whom the determination is made, the amount becomes final and delinquent, and the delinquency penalty or penalties and the interest provided in Section 10210 shall attach to the amount of the Taxes, unless a petition for redetermination is filed within the ten days.

Section 10212. Redeterminations.

(A) Any person against whom a determination is made under Section 10211 or any person directly interested may petition for a redetermination within one (1) calendar month after service of notice thereof; provided, however, that a petition for redetermination of a determination made under subsection (F) of Section 10211 shall be filed within ten (10) days after service of notice thereof. If a petition for redetermination is not filed within the applicable period, the determination becomes final and delinquent at the expiration of the period.

(B) If a petition for redetermination is filed within the applicable period, the Administrative Services Director shall reconsider the determination, and, if the person has so requested in his/her petition, shall grant the person an oral hearing and shall give him ten (10) days notice of the time and place of the hearing. The Administrative Services Director may continue the hearing from time to time as may be necessary.

(C) The Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee may decrease or increase the amount of the determination before it becomes final but the amount may be increased only if a claim for the increase is asserted by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, at or before the hearing.

(D) The decision of the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, upon a petition for redetermination becomes final and delinquent fifteen days after service upon the petitioner of notice thereof.

(E) No petition for redetermination shall be effective for any purpose unless at or before the filing thereof the amount found due in the original determination is paid, or a bond or other security satisfactory to the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, is filed with him/her guaranteeing payment of any amount finally determined to be due.

Section 10213. Records for Determination by Department of Administrative Services.

All sellers, consumers and holders of City of Grover Beach Business Tax Certificates shall keep complete records of all business transactions, including sales, receipts, purchases and other expenditures, and shall retain all such records for purposes of examination by the Department of Administrative Services or their agent or contract services of the City of Grover Beach. Such records shall be maintained for a period of at least three (3) years and shall be submitted to the City or their delegated agent or contractor upon request by the City.

Section 10214. Refunds.

(A) Whenever a Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax has been paid to the City under a mistake of law or a mistake of fact, the tax shall be refunded when a demand for refund has been made on a form prescribed by the Administrative Services Director. No refund shall be approved after three (3) years from the date of receipt by the City of the money to be refunded. For purposes of this Chapter, a mistake of law or fact shall be defined as follows:

(1) Mistake of Law. When the money was either paid by the demandant or received by the City through mistake as to the legal necessity for making the payment, refund thereof may be made upon a demand for refund. The demand shall be promptly transmitted to the head of the department involved for his/her recommendation and his/her statement of the facts upon which the recommendation is based. The demand and recommendation shall be presented to the City Attorney for his/her decision thereon.

(2) Mistake of Fact. When the money was either paid by the demandant or received by the City because of a mistake of fact when such payment or receipt would not

have been made if such mistake had not been made, then refund thereof may be made upon a demand for refund, provided that if the mistake was wholly or partly the City's and the mistake was induced by an act or statement of the demandant, or if the mistake was wholly the demandant's and the City has made an investigation, inspection or examination, or done any similar work or rendered services, the head of the department, division or bureau may ascertain the value or cost of such and order it deducted from the amount to be refunded. His/her determination shall be final when approved by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, but there shall be added thereto the amount designated for handling charges in the Master Fee Schedule.

(B) If the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, determines that any overpayment has been made intentionally or by reason of carelessness, he/she shall not allow any interest thereon.

Section 10215. Exemptions.

(A) Exempt Business and Entities:

(1) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as applying to any person conducting any business or occupation exempt from taxation, Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax by virtue of Sec. 14 of Art. XIII of the Constitution of the State of California, or the Constitution of the United States, nor shall it be construed to authorize any act prohibited by any law of California or by the provisions of this Code, or to authorize the conduct of any business for which a permit from the City Council is required, until such permit is obtained.

(2) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to commercial travelers or selling agents selling their goods to dealers for future deliveries.

(3) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to the renting, letting or subletting of property by an individual to himself or to an entity wholly owned by him.

(4) The provisions of this Chapter shall not be deemed or construed to require the payment of a Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax to conduct, manage or carry on any business, occupation or activity, or require the payment of any Business License Tax or Business Square Footage Tax from any institution or organization, which is conducted, managed or carried on wholly for the benefit of charitable, religious, or benevolent purposes.

(5) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to credit union corporations.

(6) Any grower or producer of any articles of ranch products who grows or produces said products in the City shall be entitled to a Business Tax Certificate without tax unless the grower or producer sells said products from a produce stand on property located within the City. Any grower or producer qualified by the terms of this Chapter to claim a Business Tax Certificate exemption provided herein shall first file with the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, an affidavit setting forth his/her name and address, the amount and variety of produce he/she proposes to sell, the place where said produce was grown or produced, and that such produce was grown or produced by him.

(7) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any Commercial Cannabis Businesses as defined within Grover Beach Municipal Code, Section 4000.20, as

amended, that are licensed by the City of Grover Beach as a Commercial Cannabis Businesses and have a state cannabis license.

Section 10216. Establishment of Tax.

Business License Tax and Business Square Footage Tax shall be paid, as applicable, by every person conducting, carrying on or managing any business or profession within the City of Grover Beach not otherwise exempted by Section 10215. This includes businesses located outside of the City of Grover Beach but conducting business within the City and businesses that are owned, leased, occupied or maintained within the City. Employees of a business owner that receive a W-2 Statement are not subject to this Chapter.

Section 10217. Business Square Footage Tax Based Upon Business Floor Space.

(A) A Business Square Footage Tax for the act of privilege of engaging in business activity within the City is hereby levied upon and shall be collected from every person that leases, owns, occupies or otherwise maintains an office or place of business within the City.

The Business Square Footage Tax shall be measured by the number of square feet of business floor space for each office or place of business leased, owned, occupied or otherwise maintained within the City during their reporting period.

(B) Every person conducting, carrying on or managing any business or profession, not otherwise specifically licensed by or exempted by other sections of this Chapter, shall pay an annual Business Square Footage Tax based on the applicable Business Floor Space schedule(s) consistent with this section, whether retail, wholesale or both. Business Square Footage Taxes shall be based upon the total Business Floor Space as recorded on the records of the business. The following tax amounts in Table 1 below are the amounts imposed by the City for each calendar year after adoption of this ordinance based upon the total applicable Business Floor Space:

Table 1 – Business Square Footage Tax Rates

<u>Business Floor Space</u>	<u>BTC Rate</u>
1 - 1,000	\$60
1,001 – 2,000	\$125
2,001 – 5,000	\$200
5,001 – 10,000	\$350
10,001 – 20,000	\$500
20,001 – 40,000	\$650
40,001 – 60,000	\$800
60,001 and up	\$950

Section 10218. Business License Tax based upon a Flat Rate.

(A) A Business License Tax for the act of privilege of engaging in business activity within the City is hereby levied in the amount of \$60.00 per calendar year starting January 1, and shall be collected from every person that conducts a business within the City but does not lease, own, occupy or maintain an office or place of business within the City.

Section 10219. Rooming Houses.

(A) For every person conducting, carrying on or managing the business of a lodging or rooming house consisting of any rooms available for rent, the Business Square Footage Rate shall be determined by the Business Floor Space as defined within this Chapter. Rooming house shall be defined for purposes of this section as any house where lodging is provided for rent.

(B) If any person conducting, carrying on or managing a lodging or rooming house shall use or permit to be used such lodging or rooming house for the purpose of lewdness, assignation or prostitution, and shall be convicted for such offenses or any of them in any court of the State of California, then and in either event the Business Tax Certificate, as provided herein, for such lodging or rooming house shall be revoked and shall not hereafter be renewed for a period of one (1) year from and after the date of the final judgment of such conviction.

Section 10220. Apartments, Flats and Courts.

(A) For every person conducting, carrying on or managing the business of apartments, flats or courts consisting of four or more individual living units available for rent or lease at one (1) location, the Business Square Footage Rate shall be determined by Table 1 schedule designated in this Chapter as amended.

(B) For the purpose of this section, "one location" is defined to mean one (1) or more lots that are contiguous.

Section 10221. Evidence of Doing Business.

When any person shall by use of signs, circulars, cards, Internet websites, or newspapers advertise, hold out, or represent that he/she is in business in the City, or when any person holds an active Business Tax Certificate or permit issued by a governmental agency indicating that he/she is in business in the City, and such person fails to deny by a sworn statement given to the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, that he/she is not conducting a business in the City, after being requested to do so by the Administrative Services Director, or his/her designee, then these facts shall be considered prima facie evidence that he/she is conducting a business in the City.

Section 10222. Severability.

Should any provision of this Chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unlawful, unenforceable or otherwise void, that determination shall have no effect on any other provision of this Chapter or the application of this Chapter to any other person or circumstance and, to that end, the provisions hereof are severable.

Section 10223. Violation Deemed Misdemeanor - Penalty.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter or any regulation or rule passed in accordance herewith, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or by imprisonment for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 10224. Conviction for Chapter Violation -Taxes Not Waived.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay the required tax in accordance with this Chapter shall not excuse or exempt such person from any civil action for the tax debt unpaid at the time of such conviction. No civil action shall prevent a criminal prosecution for
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any violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes.

Section 10225. Remedies Cumulative.

All remedies and penalties prescribed by this Chapter or which are available under any other provision of law or equity, including but not limited to the California False Claims Act (Government Code Section 12650 et seq.) and the California Unfair Practices Act (Business and Professions Code Section 17070 et seq.), are cumulative. The use of one or more remedies by the City shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter.

Section 10226. Amendment or Repeal.

Chapter 2 of Article X of the City of Grover Beach Municipal Code may be repealed or amended by the City Council without a vote of the people. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment provision that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Chapter or change the methodology of how the tax is levied if such action would increase the amount of the tax approved by the voters. The people of the City of Grover Beach affirm that the following actions shall not constitute an increase of the rate of a tax:

(A) The restoration of the rate of the tax to a rate that is no higher than that set by this Chapter, if the City Council has acted to reduce the rate of the tax;

(B) An action that interprets or clarifies the methodology of the tax, or any definition applicable to the tax, so long as interpretation or clarification (even if contrary to some prior interpretation or clarification) is not inconsistent with the language of this Chapter;

The establishment of a class of person that is exempt or excepted from the tax or the discontinuation of any such exemption or exception (other than the discontinuation of an exemption or exception specifically set forth in this Chapter); or

The collection of the tax imposed by this Chapter, even if the City had, for some period of time, failed to collect the tax.

PART 3. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be in violation of the law, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared in violation of the law.

PART 4. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, it shall be published once, together with the names of the Council Members voting thereon, in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M-18

The City Council of the City of Grover Beach has placed Measure M-18 on the November 6, 2018 ballot to ask the voters to approve an ordinance that would enact a Business Tax Certificate on business operating within the City and require the imposition of a tax for businesses within the City and one for businesses located outside of the City but doing business within its jurisdictional boundaries. If approved by a majority of the voters, the City would levy a Business Square Footage Tax that would apply to all business located and doing business within the City and the Flat Rate Tax that would apply to businesses located outside of the City but doing business within its jurisdictional boundaries. The tax will remain in effect until voters amend or repeal it.

Measure M-18, if approved, would tax all businesses within the City based upon the building square footage or rentable square feet of the tax payers building. The amount of the tax is tiered based upon the size of the building and will constitute an annual tax from \$60.00 to \$950.00. All business located outside of the City but doing business within the City would be taxed at an annual rate of \$60.00. The taxes prescribed and revenue generate by this ordinance are not for regulatory permit fees but is solely for revenue purposes. Businesses will not be allowed to operate or do business within the City of Grover Beach without obtaining an annual Business License Tax Certificate.

The full amount of the revenue generated by Measure M-18 will go to the City's General Fund and at the discretion of the City Council may be available to support a full range of municipal services including but not limited to public safety, infrastructure improvements parks and recreation, or other municipal services.

If approved by a majority of the voters, the referenced taxes would become effective once the ordinance approving the tax is adopted by the City Council and becomes effective. The tax will not sunset and is not subject to any CPI adjustments.

s/ David P. Hale
City Attorney, Grover Beach

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M-18

Your Mayor and a majority of the City Council asks you to vote YES on Measure M-18, which will change how businesses pay the City's Business Tax Certificate (BTC) from a flat rate to a rate based on square footage. This proposed change will address an equity issue under the current system where businesses pay the same amount regardless of size and type. The measure would continue to generate revenue that would stay in Grover Beach and support a range of municipal services such as maintaining fire, emergency medical, and police services, fixing streets and sidewalks, and maintaining parks and city facilities.

Grover Beach has a track record of careful financial management and is addressing key community needs while maintaining prudent reserves. However, we also face growing service needs including ensuring responsive public safety services that are critical to health and safety of our residents and businesses and improving maintenance of parks and facilities that support our community. Measure M-18 would provide ongoing funding for core services that would help improve the quality of life in our city.

Grover Beach strives to be "business friendly" and Measure M-18 reflects collaboration with businesses in basing BTC amounts on square footage. Under this measure, the BTC amount would increase from a \$55 flat rate to a range of \$60 to \$950 based on building size. Many small businesses located or working in the city will pay a small increase for a BTC while the largest businesses will pay approximately \$80 per month. Measure M-18 is fair, equitable, and keeps our business taxes competitive with nearby cities.

Measure M-18 will provide additional funding to support the quality of life for our residents and help make our city even better. We urge you to vote YES on Measure M-18 this November.

s/ John P. Shoals, Mayor

s/ Mariam Shah, Council Member

s/ Barbara Nicolls, Council Member

s/ Debbie Peterson, Council Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE M-18 WAS SUBMITTED

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

As required by new legislation, the County of San Luis Obispo offers facsimile ballots in the following languages and for only the precincts listed below:

Spanish

All Precincts

All Polling Places

Tagalog

Consolidated Precinct

Polling Place

CON 407 & 408	Calvary Chapel
CON 409	Oak Park Christian Church
CON 410	Gospel Lighthouse of Arroyo Grande
CON 411	Coastal Community Church

To determine your Con (precinct), please take a look at the back cover of this pamphlet and it will be listed above your printed name.

Facsimile ballots and instructions will be provided upon request. You can request to view the facsimile ballot for the language that is available at your polling place for the precincts listed above.

Vote By Mail Voters

If you are a Vote By Mail Voter in one of these precincts, you can request a facsimile ballot in one of the languages available:

By Phone: 805-781-5228

By E-Mail: elections@co.slo.ca.us

By Mail: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

In Person: At the Clerk-Recorder's Office at 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo or 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd floor), Atascadero

Online: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance

ASISTENCIA DE IDIOMA

Conforme exige la nueva legislación, el Condado de San Luis Obispo ofrece boletas electorales en los siguientes idiomas y solo para los recintos que a continuación se indican:

Español

Todos los recintos Todos los lugares de votación

Tagalo

Recinto consolidado Lugar de votación

CON 407 & 408	Calvary Chapel
CON 409	Oak Park Christian Church
CON 410	Gospel Lighthouse of Arroyo Grande
CON 411	Coastal Community Church

Para saber cuál es su Con (recinto), vea la portada posterior de este folleto y lo encontrará encima de su nombre.

Se suministrarán, a petición, boletas electorales e instrucciones por facsímil. Usted puede solicitar ver la boleta electoral por facsímil en el idioma que esté disponible en su lugar de votación para los recintos indicados anteriormente.

Electores que votan por correo

Si usted es un Elector que Vota Por Correo en uno de estos recintos, puede solicitar una boleta electoral por facsímil en uno de los idiomas disponibles:

Por teléfono: 805-781-5228

Por correo electrónico: elections@co.slo.ca.us

Por correo: 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Personalmente: En la Oficina del Secretario-Oficial de Registro
en 1055 Monterey Street, D120, San Luis
Obispo o 6565 Capistrano Avenue (2nd floor),
Atascadero

En línea: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance

TULONG SA WIKA

Ayon sa kinakailangan ng bagong batas na pinagtibay, nagbibigay ang County ng San Luis Obispo ng mga kopya ng balota na nasa mga sumusunod na wika at para lang sa mga presintong nakalista sa ibaba:

Espanyol

Lahat ng Presinto Lahat ng Lugar na Botohan

Tagalog

Pinagsamang Presintong Lugar na Botohan

CON 407 at 408	Calvary Chapel
CON 409	Oak Park Christian Church
CON 410	Gospel Lighthouse of Arroyo Grande
CON 411	Coastal Community Church

Upang matukoy ang iyong Con (presinto), pakitingnan ang pabalat sa likod ng libritong ito at makikita itong nakalista sa itaas ng pangalan mo.

Magbibigay ng mga kopya ng balota at tagubilin kapag hiniling. Maaari kang humiling na tumingin ng kopya ng balota para sa wikang makukuha sa iyong lugar na botohan para sa mga presintong nakalista sa itaas.

Mga Botante ng Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo

Kung isa kang Botante ng Pagboto sa Pamamagitan ng Koreo sa isa sa mga presintong ito, maaari kang humiling ng kopya ng balota sa isa sa mga wikang mayroon nito:

Sa Pamamagitan 805-781-5228
ng Telepono:

Sa Pamamagitan elections@co.slo.ca.us
ng E-Mail:

Sa Pamamagitan 1055 Monterey Street, Suite D120
ng Koreo: San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Sa Personal: Sa Opisina ng Klerk na Tagapagtala sa 1055
Monterey Street, D120, San Luis Obispo o 6565
Capistrano Avenue (Ika-2 palapag), Atascadero

Online: www.slocounty.ca.gov/LanguageAssistance



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Find Your Polling Place Here

Polling Place Search

To locate your polling place and view ballot choices, enter the following information and click "Find polling place".

The required fields are street number, street name, and zip code. If you know your street direction and street type, you may enter them, too. Then click "Find polling place".

Street Number	Street Direction	Street Name	Street Type	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	Please select <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text"/>	Please select <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="text"/>

View Photos, Directions to the Polls, Accessibility Features for Voters with Disabilities, and Your Sample Ballot

Polling Place Search Results

Note: Showing a polling place for this address does not mean that you are registered to vote. To verify your registration status contact the Clerk-Recorder's Office at (805) 781-5080 or Elections@co.slo.ca.us.

To return to the Search page, click [here](#).

Your polling place:

Polling Place: San Luis Obispo Veterans Bldg

Location: 801 Grand Ave - San Luis Obispo

Consolidation Number: 520

Sample Ballot Booklet: [BallotType9](#) (PDF file. Adobe Reader required.)

Accessibility Details: [Accessibility Details](#)

Link to map: [Map](#)



REQUESTING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

If you find that for any reason you will be unable to vote in person on Election Day, promptly complete and sign the application for a Vote By Mail ballot printed on the reverse side of this page, detach the post card, apply postage and mail. Your application must reach the office of the **Clerk-Recorder** not less than 7 days before the day of election. State law now allows a voter to apply for a Vote By Mail ballot by telephone. You may reach the Clerk-Recorder at 805-781-5228. The deadline for the Clerk-Recorder to receive Vote By Mail applications is October 30, 2018.

PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL QUALIFICATION

Any voter, upon request, may become a Permanent Vote By Mail Voter. You may either check the Permanent Vote By Mail box on the Application for Vote By Mail Ballot or request Permanent Vote By Mail status over the phone and a vote by mail ballot will automatically be sent to you for future elections. Failure to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections may cancel your Permanent Vote By Mail Status and you will need to reapply.

RETURNING YOUR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Voters may return only their own voted vote by mail ballot, in person or by mail, to the Clerk-Recorder's Office. On Election Day the ballot can be returned to any polling place. To be counted, a ballot must be received no later than the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and be received in the Clerk-Recorder's Office no later than three days after Election Day. However, a voter who is unable to return his/her ballot may designate any person to return the ballot to the Clerk-Recorder or any polling place.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT LOOK-UP ON THE WEB

Check the status of your returned VBM ballot on the Internet at www.slovote.com

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT US

Contact Information on the Front Cover