

**Meeting Date:** 3/3/2015

**Report Type:** Staff/Discussion

**Report ID:** 2015-00244

**Title:** June 2, 2015 Special Municipal Election – Sacramento City Measure Pertaining to a Special Tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District; Select Argument Authors

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Pass a Resolution authorizing members of the City Council to author arguments for and/or against a measure pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Street Car Communities Facilities District, that will be presented to the voters in the June 2, 2015 Primary Municipal Election sample ballot.

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**Department:** City Clerk

**Division:** City Clerk

**Dept ID:** 04001011

**Attachments:**

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**City Attorney Review**

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**Approvals/Acknowledgements**

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## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** Select and authorize members of the City Council to author and submit an argument in opposition to, or in support of, a measure for the June 2, 2015 ballot pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District No. 2015-01. This action will ensure that the City Council's argument is selected under the selection criteria contained in California Elections Code section 9287 for printing in the official sample ballot.

**Policy Considerations:** If the recommended action is taken, then the City Council would secure its priority in the City Clerk's selection of ballot arguments should more than one argument be submitted in opposition to, or in support of, the measure.

**Economic Impacts:** None.

**Environmental Considerations:** None.

**Sustainability:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** None.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** If more than one argument for or against an approved ballot measure is filed with the City Clerk, and if the City Council has by resolution authorized one or more of its members to author and submit an argument on its behalf, then Elections Code section 9287 requires the City Clerk to select the City Council's argument.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** Not applicable.

## Background:

If the City Clerk receives more than one argument for or against the City measure pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District No. 2015-01, then the City Council may secure its priority in the selection of ballot arguments by selecting one or more of its members to author and file an argument on its behalf.

For a City measure, the City Council or any councilmembers it authorizes may file a written argument in support of, or opposition to, the measure. An argument may also be submitted by the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure, by any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, by any bona fide association of citizens, or by any combination of voters and associations. If more than one argument is received for a given position, then the City Clerk will follow the selection priority in California Elections Code section 9287:

- *First*, the legislative body, or member or members of the legislative body authorized by that body.
- *Second*, the individual voter, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations, who are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
- *Third*, bona fide associations of citizens.
- *Fourth*, individual voters who are eligible to vote on the measure.

Up to five authors' names will be printed with the argument. If the City Council submits an argument, then at least one councilmember should be designated as the author.

The primary arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015. The rebuttal arguments are due in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 3, 2015

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT [\[A WRITTEN ARGUMENT\]](#) [\[WRITTEN ARGUMENTS\]](#) ON THE MEASURE PERTAINING TO A SPECIAL TAX FOR SACRAMENTO STREETCAR COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2015-01, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. On February 24, 2015, the City Council called for a special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.
- B. On February 24, 2015, the City Council passed Resolution 2015-XXXX approving for placement on the ballot for the June 2, 2015 special municipal election a question pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District No. 2015-01.
- C. The City Council desires to submit [\[an argument\]](#) [\[arguments\]](#) on the measure.

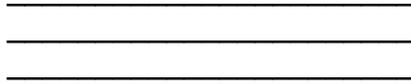
**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the following [\[member\]](#) [\[members\]](#) to file on its behalf a written argument in support of the question pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District No. 2015-01:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the following [\[member\]](#) [\[members\]](#) to file on its behalf a written argument in opposition to the question pertaining to a special tax for Sacramento Streetcar Community Facilities District No. 2015-01:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Section 3. The [\[argument\]](#) [\[arguments\]](#) must be prepared in accordance with the California Elections Code and the Election Official's printing guidelines, available from the City Clerk.

Section 4. The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of origin.