

MONO

COUNTY OF

Voter Information Guide



Statewide Direct Primary Election Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Polls Open at 7 a.m. and Close at 8 p.m.

- **Polling Place Location** may have changed, see back cover.
- **Notice: Vote by Mail Ballot Application**, see back cover.

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HOW TO VOTE

To vote

To vote for a candidate, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

To vote on any measure, completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" or the word "NO".

Important:

Check both the front and the back of your ballot for voting contests.
Do not use red ink.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate:

To vote for a write-in candidate, write the person's name in the blank space provided directly below the names of the other candidates for the office. Then completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

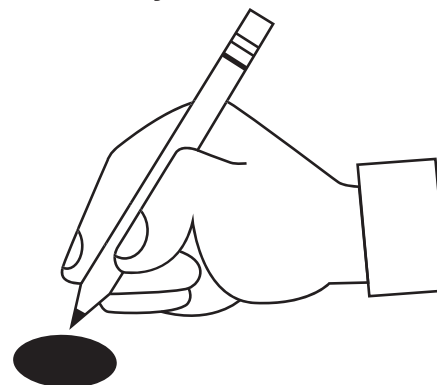
Review your ballot:

If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, your vote will not count for that contest. You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count. If you make a mistake ask for another ballot.

Many precincts in Mono County will have election materials available for voters in Spanish. You can request a Spanish translation of your ballot on Election Day at your polling location. Bilingual poll workers will be available to assist you if needed. To request a Spanish translation of your ballot when voting by mail, please contact the elections office at 760-932-5537.

Muchos precintos en el Condado de Mono tendran materiales electorales para los votantes en Español. Usted puede solicitar una traduccion en Español de su boleta electoral el Dia de la Eleccion en su lugar de votacion. Trabajadores electorales bilingues estaran disponibles para asistir si es necesario. Para solicitar una traduccion en Español de su boleta al votar por correo, favor de comunicarse con la oficina de Elecciones al 760-932-5537.

To mark your vote



Write-in votes



ABOUT PRIMARIES IN CALIFORNIA

(The Top Two Candidates Open Primary)

- 1 This Primary is a nonpartisan election. This means the candidate is not nominated by the party. If the candidate has a preferred political party, the party name appears on the ballot for information only.
- 2 This election is held to nominate two candidates for voter-nominated offices. All the candidates appear on one ballot.
- 3 Any voter can vote for the candidate of their choice and the two candidates with the most votes will move on to the General Election.

Party Endorsements

Proposition 14, approved by the voters in 2010, authorizes political parties to endorse candidates to Voter-Nominated offices. This pamphlet contains the official endorsements that were received by the deadline.

The **Peace and Freedom party** endorses the following candidate(s):

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Gloria Estela La Riva	Governor
Gayle McLaughlin	Lieutenant Governor
C.T. Weber	Secretary of State
Mary Lou Finley	Controller
Kevin Akin	Treasurer
Nathalie Hrzi	Insurance Commissioner
John Thompson Parker	United States Senate

The **Democratic Party** endorses the following candidate(s):

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Alex Padilla	Secretary of State
Betty Yee	State Controller
Fiona Ma	State Treasurer
Ricardo Lara	Insurance Commissioner
Marge Doyle	US Representative, District 8
Tom Pratt	State Senate, District 8
Carla Jean Neal	State Assembly, District 5
Tony Thurmond	State Superintendent of Public Instruction

The **American Independent Party** endorses the following candidate(s):

<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
John Cox	Governor
David Hernandez	Lieutenant Governor
Mark Meuser	Secretary of State
Konstantinos Roditis	State Controller
Jack Guerrero	State Treasurer
Judge Steven Bailey	Attorney General
Steve Poizner	Insurance Commissioner
Ted Gaines	Board of Equalization, District 1
Erin Cruz	United States Senator
Tim Donnelly	US Representative, District 8
Andreas Borgeas	State Senate, District 8
Frank Bigelow	State Assembly, District 5

The **Republican Party** endorses the following candidate(s):

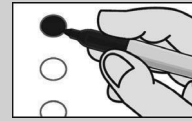
<u>Candidate Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Paul Cook	US Representative, District 8
Frank Bigelow	State Assembly, District 5



Sample Ballot

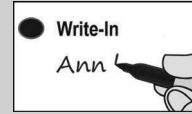
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VOTER-NOMINATED AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES		VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	
<p>All voters, regardless of the party preference they disclosed upon registration, or refusal to disclose a party preference, may vote for any candidate for a voter-nominated or nonpartisan 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.</p>		<p>STATE</p> <p>LIUENANT GOVERNOR</p> <p>Vote for One</p>	
<p>VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES</p> <p>STATE</p> <p>GOVERNOR</p> <p>Vote for One</p>		<p><input type="radio"/> DAVID FENNELL Party Preference: Republican Entrepreneur</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DANNY THOMAS Party Preference: None Dentist/Dental Surgeon</p> <p><input type="radio"/> COLE HARRIS Party Preference: Republican Father/Entrepreneur/Businessman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ED HERNANDEZ Party Preference: Democratic State Senator/Businessman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVID R. HERNANDEZ Party Preference: Republican Retired Business Owner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> LYDIA ORTEGA Party Preference: Republican Economist/Businesswoman/Educator</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN Party Preference: None Community Organizer/Educator</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JEFF BLEICH Party Preference: Democratic Attorney/Educator</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ELENI KOUNALAKIS Party Preference: Democratic Businesswoman/Economic Advisor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CAMERON GHARABIKLOU Party Preference: Democratic Attorney</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TIM FERREIRA Party Preference: Libertarian Strategist/Programmer/Entrepreneur</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	
<p><input type="radio"/> ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA Party Preference: Democratic Public Policy Advisor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YVONNE GIRARD Party Preference: Republican Judicial Assistant</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ROBERT DAVIDSON GRIFFIS Party Preference: Democratic Entrepreneur/Economist/Father</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SHUBHAM GOEL Party Preference: None Virtual Reality Manager</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TRAVIS ALLEN Party Preference: Republican California Assemblyman/Businessman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AKINYEMI AGBEDE Party Preference: Democratic Mathematician</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHNNY WATTENBURG Party Preference: None Business Owner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NICKOLAS WILDSTAR Party Preference: Libertarian Recording Artist</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DESMOND SILVEIRA Party Preference: None Senior Software Engineer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MICHAEL SHELLENBERGER Party Preference: Democratic Environmental Organization Executive</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ZOLTAN ISTVAN Party Preference: Libertarian Entrepreneur/Transhumanist Lecturer</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER N. CARLSON Party Preference: Green Puppeteer/Musician</p> <p><input type="radio"/> THOMAS JEFFERSON CARES Party Preference: Democratic Blockchain Startup CEO</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOHN CHIANG Party Preference: Democratic California State Treasurer</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> JOHN H. COX Party Preference: Republican Businessman/Taxpayer Advocate</p> <p><input type="radio"/> AMANDA RENTERIA Party Preference: Democratic COO, Justice Department</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DELAINE EASTIN Party Preference: Democratic Educator/Youth Advocate</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JEFFREY EDWARD TAYLOR Party Preference: None Marketplace Minister</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KLEMENT TINAJ Party Preference: Democratic CEO/Educator/Artist</p> <p><input type="radio"/> HAKAN "HAWK" MIKADO Party Preference: None CEO/Business Owner</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ALBERT CAESAR MEZZETTI Party Preference: Democratic Retired Educator</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GAVIN NEWSOM Party Preference: Democratic Lieutenant Governor/Businessman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ROBERT C. NEWMAN, II Party Preference: Republican Research Clinical Psychologist</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOSH JONES Party Preference: Green Author</p> <p><input type="radio"/> J. BRIBIESCA Party Preference: Democratic Retired Medical Doctor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GLORIA ESTELA LA RIVA Party Preference: Peace And Freedom Graphic Artist</p> <p><input type="radio"/> PETER Y LIU Party Preference: Republican No Ballot Designation</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>Vote for One</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RAUL RODRIGUEZ JR Party Preference: Republican Retired Warehousing Employee</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MICHAEL FEINSTEIN Party Preference: Green Electoral Reform Consultant</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RUBEN MAJOR Party Preference: Democratic Paramedic/Educator/Businessperson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARK P. MEUSER Party Preference: Republican Election Law Attorney</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ALEX PADILLA Party Preference: Democratic Secretary of State</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GAIL K. LIGHTFOOT Party Preference: Libertarian Retired Nurse</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C. T. WEBER Party Preference: Peace And Freedom Retired Government Analyst</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ERIK RYDBERG Party Preference: Green Community Organizer</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	



Sample Ballot

VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES		VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	
STATE		STATE	
CONTROLLER		BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBER	
Vote for One		DISTRICT 1	
<input type="radio"/> MARY LOU FINLEY Party Preference: Peace And Freedom Retired Educator		Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> BETTY T. YEE Party Preference: Democratic California State Controller		<input type="radio"/> DAVID EVANS Party Preference: Republican Chief Financial Officer	<input type="radio"/> CONNIE CONWAY Party Preference: Republican Business Owner/Educator
<input type="radio"/> KONSTANTINOS RODITIS Party Preference: Republican Entrepreneur		<input type="radio"/> TOM HALLINAN Party Preference: Democratic College Trustee/Businessman	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/> TED GAINES Party Preference: Republican Taxpayer Advocate/Senator	
TREASURER		UNITED STATES SENATOR	
Vote for One		Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> FIONA MA Party Preference: Democratic CPA/Taxpayer Representative		<input type="radio"/> HERBERT G. PETERS Party Preference: Democratic Retired Aerospace Engineer	<input type="radio"/> DONNIE O. TURNER Party Preference: Democratic Retired USAF Sergeant
<input type="radio"/> VIVEK VISWANATHAN Party Preference: Democratic Governor's Office, Advisor		<input type="radio"/> JAMES P BRADLEY Party Preference: Republican Chief Financial Officer	<input type="radio"/> PAT HARRIS Party Preference: Democratic Civil Rights Attorney
<input type="radio"/> JACK M. GUERRERO Party Preference: Republican CPA/Councilmember/Economist		<input type="radio"/> ARUN K. BHUMITRA Party Preference: Republican Teacher/Engineer/Businessman	<input type="radio"/> ALISON HARTSON Party Preference: Democratic National Political Director
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN AKIN Party Preference: Peace And Freedom Retired Steam Engineer		<input type="radio"/> JERRY JOSEPH LAWS Party Preference: Republican No Ballot Designation	<input type="radio"/> JASON M. HANANIA Party Preference: None Attorney/Engineer
<input type="radio"/> GREG CONLON Party Preference: Republican Businessman/CPA		<input type="radio"/> PATRICK LITTLE Party Preference: Republican Civil Rights Advocate	<input type="radio"/> DAVID HILDEBRAND Party Preference: Democratic Policy Analyst
<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/> TIM GILDERSLEEVE Party Preference: None Paratransit Operator	<input type="radio"/> LEE OLSON Party Preference: None Aerospace Systems Engineer
ATTORNEY GENERAL		<input type="radio"/> MICHAEL FAHMY GIRGIS Party Preference: None Real Estate Broker	<input type="radio"/> ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE Party Preference: Republican Businessman/Land Developer
Vote for One		<input type="radio"/> DON J. GRUNDMANN Party Preference: None Doctor of Chiropractic	<input type="radio"/> KEVIN DE LEON Party Preference: Democratic California Senator
<input type="radio"/> DAVE JONES Party Preference: Democratic California Insurance Commissioner		<input type="radio"/> RASH BIHARI GHOSH Party Preference: None Water Scientist/Professor	<input type="radio"/> KEVIN MOTTUS Party Preference: Republican Wireless Safety Advocate
<input type="radio"/> STEVEN C BAILEY Party Preference: Republican Retired California Judge		<input type="radio"/> LING LING SHI Party Preference: None Author	<input type="radio"/> DAVID MOORE Party Preference: None Special Education Teacher
<input type="radio"/> XAVIER BECERRA Party Preference: Democratic Appointed Attorney General of the State of California		<input type="radio"/> JOHN "JACK" CREW Party Preference: Republican Bus Driver	<input type="radio"/> MARIO NABLIBA Party Preference: Republican Scientist
<input type="radio"/> ERIC EARLY Party Preference: Republican Attorney/Business Owner		<input type="radio"/> ERIN CRUZ Party Preference: Republican Published Author	<input type="radio"/> GERALD PLUMMER Party Preference: Democratic Construction Project Manager
<input type="radio"/>		<input type="radio"/> DERRICK MICHAEL REID Party Preference: Libertarian Retired Attorney	<input type="radio"/> TOM PALZER Party Preference: Republican Retired Urban Planner
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER		<input type="radio"/> DIANNE FEINSTEIN Party Preference: Democratic United States Senator	<input type="radio"/> JOHN THOMPSON PARKER Party Preference: Peace And Freedom No Ballot Designation
Vote for One		<input type="radio"/> COLLEEN SHEA FERNALD Party Preference: None Constitutional Solutions Advocate	<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS HOWARD PIERCE Party Preference: Democratic Missing Children's Advocate
<input type="radio"/> STEVE POIZNER Party Preference: None Businessman/Non-Profit Director		<input type="radio"/> ADRIENNE NICOLE EDWARDS Party Preference: Democratic Community Advocate	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> RICARDO LARA Party Preference: Democratic California Senator		<input type="radio"/> PAUL A TAYLOR Party Preference: Republican Small Business Owner	
<input type="radio"/> NATHALIE HRIZI Party Preference: Peace And Freedom Public School Teacher			
<input type="radio"/> ASIF MAHMOOD Party Preference: Democratic Physician, Internal Medicine			
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		UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE	STATE SENATE
		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8	DISTRICT 8
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		<input type="radio"/> PAUL COOK Party Preference: Republican United States Representative	<input type="radio"/> ANDREAS BORGEAS Party Preference: Republican County Supervisor/Educator
		<input type="radio"/> RITA RAMIREZ Party Preference: Democratic Retired College Professor	<input type="radio"/> MARK BELDEN Party Preference: None Business Person/Builder
		<input type="radio"/> RONALD J. O'DONNELL Party Preference: Democratic Educator/Author/Businessman	<input type="radio"/> TOM PRATT Party Preference: Democratic Businessman
		<input type="radio"/> MARJORIE "MARGE" DOYLE Party Preference: Democratic Registered Nurse/Executive	<input type="radio"/> PAULINA MIRANDA Party Preference: Democratic Business Woman
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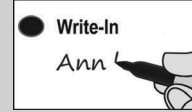
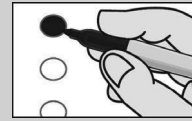
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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS	MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
STATE	COUNTY
<p>68 AUTHORIZES BONDS FUNDING PARKS, NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION, CLIMATE ADAPTATION, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, AND FLOOD PROTECTION. Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for: parks, natural resources protection, climate adaptation, water quality and supply, and flood protection. Fiscal Impact: Increased state bond repayment costs averaging \$200 million annually over 40 years. Local government savings for natural resources-related projects, likely averaging several tens of millions of dollars annually over the next few decades.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>D MONO COUNTY MEASURE ESTABLISHING TAX ON CANNABIS BUSINESSES. For unrestricted general revenue purposes, such as to fund Sheriff, EMS, and Code Compliance, shall the County tax cannabis businesses within the unincorporated areas up to \$3.00 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable after 6-1-2021 for inflation), 8% of gross receipts for retail, 2.5% for testing laboratories, and 4% for other cannabis businesses; estimated to generate \$143,000 to \$330,000 annually; to be levied until repealed by the voters or the County Board of Supervisors?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>69 REQUIRES THAT CERTAIN NEW TRANSPORTATION REVENUES BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires that certain revenues generated by a 2017 transportation funding law be used only for transportation purposes and generally prohibits Legislature from diverting funds to other purposes. Fiscal Impact: No direct effect on the amount of state and local revenues or costs but could affect how some monies are spent.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	
<p>70 REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE SUPERMAJORITY VOTE APPROVING USE OF CAP-AND-TRADE RESERVE FUND. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Beginning in 2024, requires that cap-and-trade revenues accumulate in a reserve fund until the Legislature, by a two-thirds majority, authorizes use of the revenues. Fiscal Impact: Beginning in 2024, potential temporary increase in state sales tax revenue, ranging from none to a few hundred million dollars annually, and possible changes in how revenue from sale of greenhouse gas emission permits is spent.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	
<p>71 SETS EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BALLOT MEASURES. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Provides that ballot measures approved by a majority of voters shall take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the results of the election. Fiscal Impact: Likely little or no effect on state and local finances.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	
<p>72 PERMITS LEGISLATURE TO EXCLUDE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED RAIN-CAPTURE SYSTEMS FROM PROPERTY-TAX REASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Permits Legislature to allow construction of rain-capture systems, completed on or after January 1, 2019, without requiring property-tax reassessment. Fiscal Impact: Probably minor reduction in annual property tax revenues to local governments.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>	



VOTER'S INFORMATION SECTION

The Following Pages Contain
Voter Information Applicable to your Ballot
Which May Include Any/All of the Following Items:

- CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS
- BALLOT MEASURES
- ANALYSES
- ARGUMENTS PRO & CON
- TEXT OF MEASURE(S)

This pamphlet section may not contain a complete list of candidates. A complete list of candidates appears on the Sample Ballot. Each candidate's statement in this guide is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate unless otherwise determined by the governing body.

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

The text, grammar, and spelling are as submitted by the authors.

Campaign Finance Reform

State legislative candidates appearing on ballots in Mono County who adopt voluntary campaign expenditure limits may purchase space in the Voter Information Guide for publication of a candidate statement. Legislative candidates listed below have accepted the expenditure limits as adopted by California voters in November 2000 (Prop 34), amending the California Government Code effective with 2001:

State Assembly, 5th District

FRANK BIGELOW - Republican

State Senator, 8th District

ANDREAS BERGEAS - Republican

MARK BELDEN - No Party Preference

TOM PRATT - Democrat

PAULINA MIRANDA - Democrat

All candidates accepting the spending limits had the opportunity of printing a candidate statement in this booklet.



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT**

PAUL COOK

Occupation: United States Representative

Education and Qualifications: As a retired Marine Corps colonel who was wounded twice in combat, I'm committed to restoring the values and principles that made America the greatest nation on earth. In the past, you trusted me to represent you in Washington, and I've delivered on my promises to you. I ask for your vote once again this upcoming election on June 5.

I staunchly supported the recently passed tax reform bill that lowered income taxes on individuals and businesses. Americans are already feeling the positive effects: historically low unemployment rates, wage increases, and a dramatic upswing in the growth rate of our economy. I've always stood for law and order, which is why I'm working to end "sanctuary" laws that protect criminals and increase crime in our communities.

I've worked tirelessly on the House Armed Services Committee to rebuild our depleted military after the previous president slashed military budgets. This most recent budget restores our military's combat readiness, provides pay increases for our troops, and upgrades missile defense systems to protect against rogue nations like North Korea and Iran.

While many in Congress forget the needs of their districts, I've fought to keep our rural health clinics funded, and I've continued my efforts to expand benefits and services for veterans. I also voted to fund the Children's Health Insurance Program for an additional ten years because it protects our most vulnerable population. If you'd like to learn more, please visit my website at joinpaulcook.com.

s/ Paul Cook

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT**

RITA RAMIREZ

Occupation: Retired College Professor

Education and Qualifications: I, Dr. Rita Ramirez, am running to stand up to fight for you. I support American values. As an American, my loyalty is not based on the color of my skin, but the love in my heart for our country. We are all Americans, for USA means US - ALL.

Third-generation Californian, San Bernardino County family residence since 1900.

Degrees: BA, MA, ED.S, and PH.D.

Public School, Community College, and University Educator (38 years).

University Formal Education (12 years); Community College Trustee (6 years).

Area F Director San Bernardino County School Boards Association (4 years).

CA Teacher Association (Retired).

Vice Chair Region 8 San Bernardino County State Chicano Latino Caucus.

I Support:

Education: public school (no vouchers), curriculum studies Pre-K through 4th grade, 9-12th grade Career Academies; free community college; build a High Desert and Morongo Basin University.

Seniors: restore Social Security benefits; Medicare for all; full-service hospital for High Desert; mobilized healthcare for Inyo and Mono counties; senior subsidized housing.

Veterans: guaranteed education and housing; 24/7 healthcare at any hospital.

Civil rights: life matters, women's rights matter; LGBTQ rights matter; citizenship for DACA and immigration reform.

Gun control regulations changes; Amend tax reform.

Environment: support desert preservation, Climate Change, clean air and water; resolve Cadiz and Nestle water issues; against fracking in national parks; protect Mother Earth for Native Americans and all cultures.

Foreign Policy: Against outsourcing American jobs. No American in harm's way.

People Over Politics. Your Values, Your Voice, Your Vote for Dr. Rita Ramirez

s/ Rita Ramirez

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT**

MARJORIE "MARGE" DOYLE

AGE: 61

Occupation: Registered Nurse Executive

Education and Qualifications: Marge Doyle is a native Californian, a registered nurse with nearly 4 decades as a leader in the healthcare industry and a social justice advocate who is passionate about protecting the people and the irreplaceable natural resources in her district. As an elected official to the Morongo Basin Healthcare District Marge worked across party lines and saved the only rural hospital in her home town from closing along with 600 associated jobs and averted bankruptcy moving to financial stability with \$15 million in reserves. All of this was accomplished in three years. Marge is running for congress to represent the residents in the 8th District. She will work for practical and sustainable solutions to ensure everyone has access to healthcare, protect our precious and irreplaceable public lands from drilling, draining and mining because they are directly tied to jobs and a sustainable economy in our district; protect Social Security and Medicare which every working person paid into; ensure that those who served- our veterans receive the benefits and health care they were promised and work for a viable immigration policy that does not destroy families and communities. Marge has served as president and board member of the Morongo Basin Health District. She is also the treasurer of the Greater Yucca Valley Kiwanis, a member of Metropolitan Community Church and lives in Joshua Tree, California.

s/ Marjorie "Marge" Doyle

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8TH DISTRICT**

TIM DONNELLY

Education and Qualifications: I'm NOT a politician. I'm a Patriot, an ordinary citizen—who prior to ever holding elected office—stood up on the border as a Minuteman leader against an out-of-control Federal government, and demanded they do their job and secure the border.

Congress is full of do-nothing politicians who think Government is the solution to every problem. But you and I know that Government itself is often the problem.

We deserve a representative who will fight to reform the VA, until at the very least, our veterans are treated better than illegal aliens—instead of just talking about it. There's no excuse for any representative from the 8th Congressional District, with our strong military heritage to vote to use our military funds for sex-change surgeries.

We deserve much better! If elected, I will work to:

- 1) Put a District office in Bishop to give a voice to Inyo & Mono Counties—whose land is almost completely under the control of a far-distant, Federal Government.
- 2) Build the Wall. Defund Sanctuary Cities. Enforce all immigration laws. No amnesty, period.
- 3) Reform the VA so that we treat our Veterans with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- 4) Defend our 2nd Amendment without apology.
- 5) Oppose all new Taxes, Fees, Entitlements and Expansions of Government. Period.
- 6) End Common Core, Restore Local Control.
- 7) Repeal ObamaCare. Oppose unconstitutional EPA, BLM and other Federal Land Grabs.

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s/ Tim Donnelly



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE SENATE, 8TH DISTRICT**

ANDREAS BORGEAS

AGE: 43

Occupation: County Supervisor/Educator

Education and Qualifications: As a husband and father I understand the challenges facing our community. Anna and I are blessed with two young boys, but today's California is far different from what we experienced and now I am fighting for a better tomorrow.

From overwhelming taxes, unaffordable education, job-killing regulations and declining standards of living, more than ever we need strong and effective leadership in Sacramento.

As County Supervisor, I have balanced multi-billion dollar budgets, increased deputy patrols, fought bureaucratic waste, protected seniors and veterans from scammers, and helped employers create good jobs in our community.

Count on me to fight against tax hikes, protect Proposition 13 and work to repeal the unfair gas tax.

I will work to bring better paying jobs to Mono County and support the tourism and ski industries.

You can also count on me to provide firefighters with the support they need to protect Mono County homes and businesses.

I will help law enforcement solve more crimes by reinstating DNA collection of convicts. Also, I will fight for victims' rights and keep our communities safe by outlawing the early release of child sex traffickers and predators.

As a teacher with over a decade of classroom experience, I support K-12 education reforms, increased vocational training and promoting greater local academic control.

Assemblyman Frank Bigelow, County Sheriffs and Deputies, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, teachers, veterans, farmers and small business owners support my candidacy. I hope you will too.

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s/ Andreas Borgeas

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATO A
SENADOR ESTATAL, DISTRITO 8**

ANDREAS BORGEAS

EDAD: 43

Ocupación: supervisor del condado/educador

Educación y Calificaciones: Como esposo y padre de familia entiendo los desafíos que enfrenta nuestra comunidad. Anna y yo fuimos bendecidos con dos chicos, pero la California de hoy en día es muy diferente de lo que era antes y hoy lucho por un mejor mañana.

Abrumadores impuestos, educación inasequible, regulaciones que destruyen empleos y niveles de vida en declive, hoy más que nunca necesitamos un liderazgo fuerte y efectivo en Sacramento.

Como supervisor del condado, he equilibrado presupuestos de miles de millones de dólares, he aumentado el número de patrullas adjuntas, he luchado contra la basura burocrática, he protegido a personas mayores y veteranos de estafadores y he ayudado a los empleadores a crear buenos empleos en nuestra comunidad.

Cuenten conmigo para luchar contra el aumento de impuestos, proteger la Propuesta 13 y trabajar para revocar el impuesto injusto a la gasolina.

Trabajaré para traer empleos mejor remunerados al condado de Mono y apoyaré la industria del turismo y del esquí.

También cuenten con que proporcionaré a los bomberos el apoyo que necesitan para proteger los hogares y negocios del condado de Mono.

Ayudaré a la policía a resolver más crímenes al restablecer la recolección de ADN de los convictos. Además, lucharé por los derechos de las víctimas y mantendré a salvo nuestras comunidades al prohibir la liberación anticipada de traficantes de niños y depredadores.

Como maestro con más de una década de experiencia en el salón de clase, apoyo las reformas educativas de jardín de niños a 12.º grado, el aumento de la capacitación profesional y el fomento de un mayor control académico local.

El asambleísta Frank Bigelow, los alguaciles y los diputados del condado, la Peace Officers Research Association of California, los maestros, los veteranos, los granjeros y los propietarios de pequeñas empresas apoyan mi candidatura. Espero que usted también lo haga.

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f/ Andreas Borgeas

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE SENATE, 8TH DISTRICT**

MARK BELDEN

Education and Qualifications: I am a candidate for the State Legislature because I understand the particular rural needs of our area of California. I will support legislation and policies that better suit the needs of my constituents with common sense legislation.

Our elected representatives must be the voice of the people, not political parties or special interest groups whose sole purpose is to expand their ideology. Making public policy is not easy. It should not be. It should take into consideration the desires of all constituents as best as possible.

Like many of you, I am committed to reducing government waste, stretching each tax dollar further than it has ever been before. As a steward of the people's money we must not foolishly spend more than we take in and always be aware that every penny misspent will affect our future. That future is the one our children will inherit.

I will also be a strong and proud leader of personal freedoms and rights. Your freedom to choose religion, education, sexual orientation, marriage, women's choice or the right to bear firearms will always be paramount. We must not allow our rights to be diminished in any way.

My victory as a no party preference legislator will be the first in California's history and a victory for the voters who support me in representing the Foothills District. We, as a legislative district, will undoubtedly be looked upon as leaders and pioneers of future public policy. More education and qualifications at mcbelden.com.

s/ Mark Belden

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE SENATE, 8TH DISTRICT**

TOM PRATT

AGE:58

Occupation: Businessman

Education and Qualifications: State Senate District 8 needs a strong voice in Sacramento. I will work hard to increase access to healthcare and funding for rural hospitals, to expand broadband availability, to keep our water clean, and to increase job training programs and to foster economic sustainability in this diverse region.

I am committed to community service and have the track record to prove it. First elected in 1998 to my local school board in Southern California, I currently serve on the Vallecito Union School Board in Calaveras County.

Hard work, civic duty and access to good education for all are important to me. Throughout my life, I've strived to live up to those beliefs in my volunteer work and in business. Having helped to start a small family company, I understand the issues facing the business community. Currently I am fighting to secure homeowners insurance for Sierra Foothill residents who continue to lose coverage because of wildfires. As senator, I will commit the same level of hard work to you and your community--I would be honored to be your voice in Sacramento.

s/ Tom Pratt



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
STATE ASSEMBLY, 5TH DISTRICT**

FRANK BIGELOW

AGE: 64

Occupation: Rancher/Businessman/Assemblyman

Education and Qualifications: As your Assemblyman, it has been an honor to defend our way of life and protect taxpayers from Sacramento's out-of-control spending. I'm proud of the work we've done together, but the fight is far from over.

As a volunteer firefighter, I will continue to advocate for firefighters, ensuring they have the necessary tools to protect us from catastrophic wildfires. We must implement better forest management practices, and cleanup overgrown forests to prevent devastating wildfires. When government bureaucrats jeopardized funding for clean water projects, I reminded them our community voted to fund surface storage, and we cannot allow these projects to sit idle. I won't back down until we break ground on vital reservoir projects that will create jobs and help us deliver a clean and reliable water supply to our neighbors.

I was proud to help lead the fight against the \$52 million gas tax increase. We already give Sacramento too much of our hard-earned money. Families and farmers in our region simply cannot afford higher taxes and vehicle registration fees.

With California's universities and colleges becoming more expensive and competitive, I will continue to be a strong voice for career technical education programs in our schools, to prepare our students for tomorrow's competitive and changing economy.

Lastly, with your support I will build upon my record of supporting economic policies that help create local jobs and build a stronger economy.

I would be humbled to continue serving as your voice in Sacramento and honored to have your vote.

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s/ Frank Bigelow

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT**

GERALD F. MOHUN, JR.

Education and Qualifications: I am an attorney and a shareholder in the Mammoth Lakes law firm of Liebersbach, Mohun, Carney & Reed. I received a BA from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1979 and a Juris Doctor degree from Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco in 1983. I was admitted to the California State Bar in 1983 and the Nevada State Bar in 1993. I have practiced criminal, civil, and juvenile law for over 34 years. I have trial experience before both judges and juries, and have appeared before the California Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento, California. I have been active in the California State Bar, serving on the Continuing Education of the Bar Committee, and in the Mono County Bar Association, serving as President. I moved to the Eastern Sierra in 1985 with my wife Marcia and our son Matthew. Marcia and I raised our sons Matthew and Brendan in Mono County, and were active and involved in our sons' education and sports. I believe I have the legal experience and the proper temperament to serve as Judge of the Superior Court.

s/ Gerald F. Mohun, Jr.



STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

STACEY ADLER

Education and Qualifications: I am Dr. Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools, and a sixteen-year resident of Mono County. As an educator for thirty years, I have been an elementary classroom teacher, assistant principal, elementary school principal, and Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) Assistant Superintendent, prior to my current role. As the County Superintendent, it is my goal to ensure the best possible educational opportunities are available to **all** children in **all** of our schools.

I am devoted to our children's education and have implemented programs to improve literacy, expand arts education, have voluntarily taught Child Development at Mammoth High School, and have volunteered in several Eastern Sierra classrooms over the years.

As the current President of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA), I am a strong advocate for small, rural school districts. Additionally, I serve on the Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra Board of Directors and am a member of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation Board. If elected, it will be my priority to build and operate a child care center/preschool to help resolve a major crisis currently facing many of our county's families.

s/ Stacey Adler

DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA A SUPERINTENDENTE DE ESCUELAS

STACEY ADLER

Educación y Calificaciones: Soy la Dra. Stacey Adler, superintendente de escuelas y residente del condado de Mono desde hace dieciséis años. Antes de mi cargo actual y como educadora durante treinta años, he sido maestra de clase de primaria, subdirectora, directora de escuela primaria y superintendente adjunta de la Oficina de Educación del condado de Mono (Mono County Office of Education, MCOE). Como superintendente del condado, mi objetivo es garantizar que las mejores oportunidades educativas posibles estén disponibles para **todos** los niños en **todas** nuestras escuelas.

Estoy comprometida con la educación de nuestros niños y he implementado programas para mejorar la alfabetización y expandir la educación artística; he enseñado de manera voluntaria Desarrollo Infantil en la Escuela Secundaria Mammoth; y he sido voluntaria en diversos salones de clase de Eastern Sierra a lo largo de los años.

Como actual presidenta de la Asociación de Servicios Educativos de Superintendentes del condado de California (California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, CCSESA) soy una firme defensora de los pequeños distritos escolares rurales. Además, formo parte de la Junta Directiva de la Administración de Deportes para Discapacitados de Eastern Sierra y soy miembro de la Junta de Mammoth Lakes Foundation. De ser electa, mi prioridad será construir y operar un centro de cuidado infantil/preescolar para ayudar a resolver la gran crisis que enfrentan actualmente muchas de las familias de nuestro condado.

f/ Stacey Adler

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

JENNIFER HUH

Occupation: Deputy Superintendent

Education and Qualifications: I am running for the office of Superintendent of Schools because I believe that a positive change is needed for Mono County and the Office of Education. I value fiscal responsibility, accountability, transparency and placing the needs of the students and families above all else. As an experienced educator, administrator, community member and parent of a child in elementary school, I have a vested interest in ensuring that all students in Mono County receive the highest quality education.

I began my experience in education over thirty years ago. I have taught preschool as well as elementary and secondary school. I am a speech-language pathologist and educational administrator. I am the Deputy Superintendent of the Mono County Office of Education, the Director of the Mono County SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area), the Director of the Early Childhood programs, the Educationally Related Mental Health Services programs and have served as the Director of Human Resources. I am an advocate for increasing funding for public education and am passionate about providing an equitable educational experience for all students. I vow to eliminate wasteful spending and to utilize our financial resources to support our districts, libraries and community programs.

s/ Jennifer Huh

DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA A SUPERINTENDENTE DE ESCUELAS

JENNIFER HUH

Ocupación: Superintendente adjunta

Educación y Calificaciones: Me postulé para la Oficina del Superintendente de Escuelas porque creo que se necesita un cambio positivo en el condado de Mono y la Oficina de Educación. Valoro la responsabilidad fiscal, la rendición de cuentas, la transparencia y poner las necesidades de los estudiantes y las familias por encima de todo. Como educadora experimentada, administradora, miembro de la comunidad y madre de un hijo en la primaria, tengo gran interés en garantizar que todos los estudiantes del condado de Mono reciban una educación de la más alta calidad.

Comencé mi experiencia en educación hace más de treinta años. He enseñado en preescolar, primaria y secundaria. Soy patóloga del habla y del lenguaje, y administradora educativa. Soy la superintendente adjunta de la Oficina de Educación del condado de Mono, directora del Área del Plan Local de Educación Especial (Special Education Local Plan Area, SELPA) del condado de Mono, directora de los programas de la Primera Infancia, los programas de Servicios de Salud Mental Relacionados con la Educación y me he desempeñado como directora de Recursos Humanos. Abogo por aumentar los fondos para la educación pública y me apasiona brindar una experiencia educativa equitativa para todos los estudiantes. Prometo eliminar el gasto inútil y utilizar nuestros recursos financieros para apoyar nuestros distritos, bibliotecas y programas comunitarios.

f/ Jennifer Huh



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR
MONO COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER**

INGRID BRAUN

Education and Qualifications: Re-elect Ingrid Braun for Mono County Sheriff

I have been honored to be the Sheriff of Mono County for the past four years, and I ask for your continued support for the next four years. The Mono County Sheriff's Office has made great progress under my leadership, and I relish the opportunity to continue that forward progress if elected to another term.

Thank you for supporting your Sheriff's Office and its hardworking and dedicated employees.

s/ Ingrid Braun

**DECLARACIÓN DE CANDIDATA A
ALGUACIL-FORENSE DEL CONDADO DE MONO**

INGRID BRAUN

Educación y Calificaciones: Reelija a Ingrid Braun para alguacil del condado de Mono

Me siento honrada de haber sido la alguacil del condado de Mono durante los últimos cuatro años y les pido su apoyo para los siguientes cuatro años. La Oficina del Alguacil del condado de Mono ha tenido un gran progreso bajo mi liderazgo y disfrutaré la oportunidad de continuar ese avance si me eligen para otro periodo.

Gracias por apoyar a la Oficina del Alguacil y a sus trabajadores y dedicados empleados.

f/ Ingrid Braun



MEASURE D

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONO, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 3.30 (CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX) TO TITLE 3 OF THE MONO COUNTY CODE SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL AND ENACTMENT PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9104 AND ARTICLE XIII C OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION 1. CODE AMENDMENT. Subject to voter approval and enactment of this ordinance pursuant to Elections Code Section 9104 and Article XIII C of the California Constitution, Chapter 3.30 of Title 3 shall be added to the Mono County Code to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 3.30
CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX**

Sections:

- 3.30.010 Title.
- 3.30.020 Authority and Purpose.
- 3.30.030 Intent.
- 3.30.040 Definitions.
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- 3.30.080 Payment – when taxes deemed delinquent.
- 3.30.090 Notice not required by County.
- 3.30.100 Penalties and interest.
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- 3.30.140 Administration of the tax.
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- 3.30.170 Apportionment.
- 3.30.180 Constitutionality and legality.
- 3.30.190 Audit and examination of premises and records.
- 3.30.200 Other licenses, permits, taxes or charges.
- 3.30.210 Payment of tax does not authorize unlawful business.
- 3.30.220 Deficiency determinations.
- 3.30.230 Failure to report – nonpayment, fraud.
- 3.30.240 Tax assessment –notice requirements.
- 3.30.250 Tax assessment – hearing, application, and determination.
- 3.30.260 Relief from taxes-disaster relief.
- 3.30.270 Conviction for violation – taxes not waived.
- 3.30.280 Violation deemed misdemeanor.
- 3.30.290 Severability.
- 3.30.300 Remedies cumulative.
- 3.30.310 Amendment or repeal.

3.30.010 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Cannabis Business Tax Ordinance.

3.30.020 Authority and Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt a tax, for revenue purposes, pursuant to Sections 37101 and 37100.5 of the California Government Code, upon Cannabis Businesses that engage in business in the County. The Cannabis Business Tax is levied based upon business gross receipts and square footage of plant canopy. It is not a sales and use tax, a tax upon income, or a tax upon real property.

The Cannabis Business Tax is a general tax enacted solely for general governmental purposes of the County and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the tax imposed by this Chapter shall be placed in the County's general fund and be available for any legal County purpose.

3.30.030 Intent.

The intent of this Ordinance is to levy a tax on all Cannabis Businesses that operate in the County, regardless of whether such business would have been legal at the time this Ordinance was adopted. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be interpreted to authorize or permit any business activity that would not otherwise be legal or permissible under laws applicable to the activity at the time the activity is undertaken.

3.30.040 Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below when used in this Chapter:

A. "Business" shall include all activities engaged in or caused to be engaged in within the unincorporated area of the County, including any commercial or industrial enterprise, trade, profession, occupation, vocation, calling, or livelihood, whether or not carried on for gain or profit, but shall not include the services rendered by an employee to his or her employer.

B. "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant Cannabis sativa Linnaeus, Cannabis indica, or Cannabis ruderalis, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. "Cannabis" also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. "Cannabis" also means marijuana as defined by Section 11018 of the California Health and Safety Code and is not limited to medical cannabis.

C. "Cannabis product" means raw cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the raw agricultural product has been transformed into a concentrate, an edible product, or a topical product. "Cannabis product" also means marijuana products as defined by Section 11018.1 of the California Health and Safety Code and is not limited to medical cannabis products.

D. "Canopy" means all areas occupied by any portion of a cannabis plant whether contiguous or noncontiguous on any one site. When plants occupy multiple horizontal planes (as when plants are placed on shelving above other plants) each plane shall be counted as a separate canopy area.

E. "Cannabis business" means any business activity involving cannabis, including but not limited to cultivating, transporting, distributing, manufacturing, compounding, converting, processing, preparing, storing, packaging, delivering, testing, dispensing, retailing and wholesaling of cannabis, of cannabis products or of ancillary products and accessories, whether or not carried on for gain or profit.

F. "Cannabis business tax" or "business tax," means the tax due pursuant to this Chapter for engaging in cannabis business in the unincorporated area of the County.

G. "Commercial cannabis cultivation" means cultivation in the course of conducting a cannabis business.

H. "County permit" means a permit issued by the County to a person to authorize that person to operate or engage in a cannabis business.

I. "Cultivation" means any activity involving the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading, or trimming of cannabis and includes, but is not limited to, the operation of a nursery.

J. "Employee" means each and every person engaged in the operation or conduct of any business, whether as owner, member of the owner's family, partner, associate, agent, manager or solicitor, and each and every other person employed or working in such business for a wage, salary, commission, barter or any other form of compensation.

K. "Engaged in business as a cannabis business" means the commencing, conducting, operating, managing or carrying on of a cannabis business, whether done as owner, or by means of an officer, agent, manager, employee, or otherwise, whether operating from a fixed location in the unincorporated area of the County or coming into the unincorporated area of the County from an outside location to engage in such activities. A person shall be deemed engaged in business within the unincorporated area of the County if:

1. Such person or person's employee maintains a fixed place of business within the unincorporated area of the County for the benefit or partial benefit of such person;
2. Such person or person's employee owns or leases real property within the unincorporated area of the County for business purposes;
3. Such person or person's employee regularly maintains a stock of tangible personal property in the unincorporated area of the County for sale in the ordinary course of business;
4. Such person or person's employee regularly conducts solicitation of business within the unincorporated area of the County; or
5. Such person or person's employee performs work or renders services in the unincorporated area of the County.

The foregoing specified activities shall not be a limitation on the meaning of "engaged in business."

L. "Evidence of doing business" means evidence such as, without limitation, use of signs, circulars, cards or any other advertising media, including the use of internet or telephone solicitation, or representation to a government agency or to the public that such person is engaged in a cannabis business in the unincorporated area of the County.

M. "Fiscal year" means July 1 through June 30 of the following calendar year.

N. "Gross Receipts," except as otherwise specifically provided, means, whether designated a sales price, royalty, rent, commission, dividend, or other designation, the total amount (including all receipts, cash, credits and property of any kind or nature) received or payable for sales of goods, wares or merchandise or for the performance of any act or service of any nature



for which a charge is made or credit allowed (whether such service, act or employment is done as part of or in connection with the sale of goods, wares, merchandise or not), without any deduction therefrom on account of the cost of the property sold, the cost of materials used, labor or service costs, interest paid or payable, losses or any other expense whatsoever. However, the following shall be excluded from Gross Receipts:

1. Cash discounts where allowed and taken on sales;
2. Any tax required by law to be included in or added to the purchase price and collected from the consumer or purchaser;
3. Such part of the sale price of any property returned by purchasers to the seller as refunded by the seller by way of cash or credit allowances or return of refundable deposits previously included in gross receipts;
4. Receipts derived from the occasional sale of used, obsolete or surplus trade fixtures, machinery or other equipment used by the taxpayer in the regular course of the taxpayer's business;
5. Cash value of sales, trades or transactions between departments or units of the same business;
6. Whenever there are included within the gross receipts amounts which reflect sales for which credit is extended and such amount proved uncollectible in a subsequent year, those amounts may be excluded from the gross receipts in the year they prove to be uncollectible; provided, however, if the whole or portion of such amounts excluded as uncollectible are subsequently collected they shall be included in the amount of gross receipts for the period when they are recovered;
7. Receipts of refundable deposits, except that such deposits when forfeited and taken into income of the business shall not be excluded when in excess of one dollar;
8. Amounts collected for others where the business is acting as an agent or trustee and to the extent that such amounts are paid to those for whom collected. These agents or trustees must provide the finance department with the names and the addresses of the others and the amounts paid to them. This exclusion shall not apply to any fees, percentages, or other payments retained by the agent or trustees.

O. "Lighting" means a source of light that is primarily used for promoting the biological process of plant growth. Lighting does not include sources of light that primarily exist for the safety or convenience of staff or visitors to the facility, such as emergency lighting, walkway lighting, or light admitted via small skylights, windows or ventilation openings.

P. "Nursery" means a facility or part of a facility that is used only for producing clones, immature plants, seeds, and other agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation, and cultivation of cannabis.

Q. "Person" means an individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, whether organized as a nonprofit or for-profit entity, and includes the plural as well as the singular number.

R. "Sale" means and includes any sale, exchange, or barter.

S. "State" means the State of California.

T. "State license," "license," or "registration" means a state license issued pursuant to California Business & Professions Code Sections 19300, et seq. or other applicable state law.

U. "Tax Administrator" means the Finance Director of the County of Mono or his or her designee.

V. "Testing Laboratory" means a cannabis business that (i) offers or performs tests of cannabis or cannabis products, (ii) offers no service other than such tests, (iii) sells no products, excepting only testing supplies and materials, (iv) is accredited by an accrediting body that is independent from all other persons involved in the cannabis industry in the state and (v) is registered with the State Department of Public Health.

3.30.050 Tax imposed.

A. Beginning July 1, 2018, there is imposed upon each person who is engaged in business as a cannabis business a cannabis business tax regardless if the business has been issued a permit to operate lawfully in the unincorporated area of the County or is operating unlawfully.

B. The initial rate of the cannabis business tax shall be as follows:

1. For every person who is engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area of the County:

- a. Two dollars (\$2.00) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses exclusively artificial lighting.
- b. One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting.
- c. Fifty cents (\$.50) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses no artificial lighting.
- d. Fifty cents (\$.50) annually per square foot of canopy space for any nursery.

For purposes of this subdivision (B), the square feet of canopy space for a business shall be rebuttably presumed to be the maximum square footage of canopy allowed by the business's County permit for commercial cannabis cultivation, or, in the absence of a County permit, the square footage shall be the maximum square footage of canopy for commercial cannabis cultivation allowed by the state license type. Should a County permit be issued to a business which cultivates only for certain months of the year, the County shall prorate the tax as to sufficiently reflect the period in which cultivation is occurring at the business. In no case shall canopy square footage which is authorized by the County commercial cannabis permit but not utilized for cultivation be deducted for the purpose of determining the tax for cultivation, unless the Tax Administrator is informed in writing and authorizes such reduction for the purpose of relief from the tax prior to the period for which the space will not be used, that such space will not be used.

2. For every person who engages in the operation of a testing laboratory: one percent (1%) of gross receipts.
3. For every person who engages in the retail sales of cannabis as a retailer (dispensary) or non-store front retailer (delivery) or microbusiness (retail sales): Four percent (4%) of gross receipts.
4. For every person who engages in a cannabis distribution business: two percent (2%) of gross receipts.
5. For every person who engages in a cannabis manufacturing, processing, or microbusiness (non-retail), or any other type of cannabis business not described in Section (B) (1), (2), (3) or (4): Two and half percent (2.5%) of gross receipts.

C. The County Board of Supervisors may, by resolution or ordinance, adjust the rate of the cannabis business tax. However, in no event may the County Board of Supervisors set any adjusted rate that exceeds the maximum rate calculated pursuant to Subdivision (D) of this Section for the date on which the adjusted rate will commence.

D. The maximum rate shall be calculated as follows:

1. For every person who is engaged in commercial cannabis cultivation in the unincorporated area of the County:

- a. Through June 30, 2021, the maximum rate shall be:
 - i. Three dollars (\$3.00) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses exclusively artificial lighting.
 - ii. Two dollars (\$2.50) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting.
 - iii. One dollar (\$1.50) annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses no artificial lighting.
 - iv. One dollar (\$1.00) annually per square foot of canopy space for any nursery.

b. On July 1, 2021 and on each July 1 thereafter, the maximum annual tax rate per square foot of each type of canopy space shall increase by the percentage change between January of the calendar year prior to such increase and January of the calendar year of the increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for all urban consumers in the Western Region as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, no CPI adjustment resulting in a decrease of any tax imposed by this subsection shall be made nor shall the total amount of the tax exceed the maximum rates set forth in this Subsection (D).

2. For every person who engages in the operation of a testing laboratory, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed two and a half



percent (2.5%) of gross receipts.

3. For every person who engages in the retail sales of cannabis as a retailer (dispensary) or non-store front retailer (delivery business), or microbusiness (retail sales activity) the maximum tax rate shall not exceed eight percent (8%) of gross receipts.
4. For every person who engages in a cannabis distribution business, the maximum tax rate shall not exceed four percent (4%) of gross receipts.
5. For every person who engages in a cannabis manufacturing, processing, or microbusiness (non-retail activity) or any other type of cannabis business not described in Section (D) (1), (2), (3) or (4), the maximum tax rate shall not exceed four percent (4%) of gross receipts.

3.30.060 Reporting and remittance of tax.

A. The cannabis business tax imposed by this Chapter shall be paid, in arrears, on a quarterly basis. For commercial cannabis cultivation, the tax due for each calendar quarter shall be based on the square footage of the business's canopy space during the quarter and the rate shall be 25% of the applicable annual rate. For all other cannabis businesses activities, the tax due for each calendar quarter shall be based on the gross receipts for the quarter.

B. Each person owing cannabis business tax for a calendar quarter shall, no later than the last day of the month following the close of the calendar quarter, file with the tax administrator a statement of the tax owed for that calendar quarter and the basis for calculating that tax. The Tax Administrator may require that the statement be submitted on a form prescribed by the Tax Administrator. The tax for each calendar quarter shall be due and payable on that same date as the statement for the calendar quarter is due.

C. Upon cessation of a cannabis business, tax statements and payments shall be immediately due for all calendar quarters up to the calendar quarter during which cessation occurred.

D. The Tax Administrator may, at his or her discretion, establish shorter report and payment periods for any taxpayer as the Tax Administrator deems necessary to ensure collection of the tax. The Tax Administrator may also require that a deposit, to be applied against the taxes for a calendar quarter, be made by a taxpayer at the beginning of that calendar quarter. In no event shall the deposit required by the Tax Administrator exceed the tax amount he or she projects will be owed by the taxpayer for the calendar quarter. The Tax Administrator may require that a taxpayer make payments via a cashier's check, money order, wire transfer, or similar instrument.

E. For purposes of this section, the square feet of canopy space for a business shall be rebuttably presumed to be no less than the maximum square footage of canopy allowed by the business's County permit for commercial cannabis cultivation, or, in the absence of a County permit, the square footage shall be the maximum square footage of canopy for commercial cannabis cultivation allowed by the state license type. In no case shall canopy square footage which is authorized by the permit or license but not utilized for cultivation be excluded from taxation unless the Tax Administrator is informed in writing, prior to the period for which the space will not be used, that such space will not be used.

3.30.070 Payments and communications – timely remittance.

Whenever any payment, statement, report, request or other communication is due, it must be received by the Tax Administrator on or before the final due date. A postmark will not be accepted as timely remittance. If the due date would fall on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, the due date shall be the next regular business day on which the County is open to the public.

3.30.080 Payment - when taxes deemed delinquent.

Unless otherwise specifically provided under other provisions of this Chapter, the taxes required to be paid pursuant to this Chapter shall be deemed delinquent if not received by the Tax Administrator on or before the due date as specified in Sections 3.30.060 and 3.30.070.

3.30.090 Notice not required by the County.

The County may as a courtesy send a tax notice to the business. However, the Tax Administrator is not required to send a notice of assessment pursuant to Section 3.30.240, a notice of delinquency pursuant to Section 3.30.220, or any other tax notice or bill to any person subject to the provisions of this Chapter. Failure to send any tax notice or bill shall not affect the validity of any tax or penalty due under the provisions of this Chapter.

3.30.100 Penalties and interest.

A. Any person who fails or refuses to pay any cannabis business tax required to be paid pursuant to this Chapter on or before the due date shall pay penalties and interest as follows:

1. A penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the tax, in addition to the amount of the tax, plus interest on the unpaid tax calculated from the due date of the tax at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month.
2. If the tax remains unpaid for a period exceeding one calendar month beyond the due date, an additional penalty equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax, plus interest at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month on the unpaid tax and on the unpaid penalties.
3. Interest shall be applied at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month on the first day of the month for the full month and will continue to accrue monthly on the tax and penalty until the balance is paid in full.

B. Whenever a check or electronic payment is submitted in payment of a cannabis business tax and the payment is subsequently returned unpaid by the bank for any reason, the taxpayer will be liable for the tax amount due plus any fees, penalties and interest as provided for in this Section, and any other amount allowed under state law.

3.30.110 Refunds and credits.

A. No refund shall be made of any tax collected pursuant to this Chapter, except as provided in Section 3.30.120.

B. No refund of any tax collected pursuant to this Chapter shall be made because of the discontinuation, dissolution, or other termination of a business.

3.30.120 Refunds and procedures.

A. Whenever the amount of any cannabis business tax, penalty or interest has been overpaid, paid more than once, or has been erroneously collected or received by the County under this Chapter, it may be refunded to the claimant who paid the tax provided that a written claim for refund is filed with the Tax Administrator within one (1) year of the date the tax was originally due and payable.

B. The Tax Administrator, his or her designee or any other County officer charged with the administration of this Chapter shall have the right to examine and audit all the books and business records of the claimant in order to determine the eligibility of the claimant to the claimed refund. No claim for refund shall be allowed if the claimant refuses to allow such examination of claimant's books and business records after request by the Tax Administrator to do so.

C. In the event that the cannabis business tax was erroneously paid, and the error is attributable to the County, the County shall refund the amount of tax erroneously paid up to one (1) year from when the error was identified.

3.30.130 Personal Cultivation Not Taxed.

The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to personal cannabis cultivation as defined in the "Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act". This Chapter shall not apply to personal use of cannabis that is specifically exempted from state licensing requirements, that meets the definition of personal use or equivalent terminology under state law, and for which the individual receives no compensation whatsoever related to that personal use.

3.30.140 Administration of the tax.

A. It shall be the duty of the Tax Administrator to collect the taxes, penalties, fees, and perform the duties required by this Chapter.

B. For purposes of administration and enforcement of this Chapter generally, the Tax Administrator may from time to time promulgate such administrative interpretations, rules, and procedures consistent with the purpose, intent, and express terms of this Chapter as he or she deems necessary to implement or clarify such provisions or aid in enforcement.

C. The Tax Administrator may take such administrative actions as needed to administer the tax, including but not limited to:

1. Provide to all cannabis business taxpayers forms for the reporting of the tax;
2. Provide information to any taxpayer concerning the provisions of this Chapter;
3. Receive and record all taxes remitted to the County as provided in this Chapter;
4. Maintain records of taxpayer reports and taxes collected pursuant to this Chapter;
5. Assess penalties and interest to taxpayers pursuant to this Chapter;
6. Determine amounts owed and enforce collection pursuant to this Chapter.



3.30.150 Appeal procedure.

Any taxpayer aggrieved by any decision of the Tax Administrator with respect to the amount of tax, interest, penalties and fees, if any, due under this Chapter may appeal to the County Board of Supervisors by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Board within thirty (30) days of the serving or mailing of the notice of delinquency pursuant to Section 3.30.220 or notice of assessment pursuant to Section 3.30.240. The Clerk of the Board, or his or her designee, shall fix a time and place for hearing such appeal, and the Clerk of the Board, or his or her designee, shall give notice in writing to such operator at the last known place of address. The finding of the County Board of Supervisors shall be final and conclusive and shall be served upon the appellant in the manner prescribed by this Chapter for service of notice. Any amount found to be due shall be immediately due and payable upon the service of the notice.

3.30.160 Enforcement - action to collect.

Any taxes, penalties and/or fees required to be paid under the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a debt owed to the County. Any person owing money to the County under the provisions of this Chapter shall be liable in an action brought in the name of the County for the recovery of such debt. The provisions of this Section shall not be deemed a limitation upon the right of the County to bring any other action including criminal, civil and equitable actions, based upon the failure to pay the tax, penalties and/or fees imposed by this Chapter or the failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Chapter.

3.30.170 Apportionment.

If a business subject to the tax is operating both within and outside the unincorporated area of the County, it is the intent of the County to apply the cannabis business tax so that the measure of the tax fairly reflects the proportion of the taxed activity actually carried on in the unincorporated area of the County. To the extent federal or state law requires that any tax due from any taxpayer be apportioned, the taxpayer may indicate said apportionment on his or her tax return. The Tax Administrator may promulgate administrative procedures for apportionment as he or she finds useful or necessary.

3.30.180 Constitutionality and legality.

This tax is intended to be applied in a manner consistent with the United States and California Constitutions and state law. None of the tax provided for by this Chapter shall be applied in a manner that causes an undue burden upon interstate commerce, a violation of the equal protection or due process clauses of the Constitutions of the United States or the State of California or a violation of any other provision of the California Constitution or state law. If a person believes that the tax, as applied to him or her, is impermissible under applicable law, he or she may request that the Tax Administrator release him or her from the obligation to pay the impermissible portion of the tax.

3.30.190 Audit and examination of premises and records.

A. For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of cannabis business tax owed or verifying any representations made by any taxpayer to the County in support of his or her tax calculation, the Tax Administrator shall have the power to inspect any location where commercial cannabis cultivation occurs and to audit and examine all books and records (including, but not limited to bookkeeping records, state and federal income tax returns, and other records relating to the gross receipts of the business) of persons engaged in cannabis businesses. In conducting such investigation, the tax administrator shall have the power to inspect any equipment, such as computers or point of sale machines, that may contain such records.

B. It shall be the duty of every person liable for the collection and payment to the County of any tax imposed by this Chapter to keep and preserve, for a period of at least four (4) years, all records as may be necessary to determine the amount of such tax as he or she may have been liable for the collection of and payment to the County, which records the Tax Administrator or his/her designee shall have the right to inspect at all reasonable times.

3.30.200 Other licenses, permits, taxes, fees or charges.

A. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any requirements for any permit or license required by, under or by virtue of any provision of any other Chapter of this Code or any other ordinance or resolution of the County, nor be deemed to repeal, amend, be in lieu of, replace or in any way affect any tax, fee or other charge imposed, assessed or required by, under or by virtue of any other Chapter of this code or any other ordinance or resolution of the County. Any references made or contained in any other Chapter of this code to any licenses, license taxes, fees, or charges, or to any schedule of license fees, shall be deemed to refer to the licenses, license taxes, fees or charges, or schedule of license fees, provided for in other Chapter of this Code.

B. The Tax Administrator may revoke or refuse to renew the license required by Chapter 5.04 of this Code, any other Chapter of this Code or any other ordinance or resolution of the County for any business that is delinquent in the payment of any tax due pursuant to this Chapter or that fails to make a deposit required by the tax administrator pursuant to Section 3.30.060.

3.30.210 Payment of tax does not authorize unlawful business.

A. The payment of a cannabis business tax required by this Chapter, and its acceptance by the County, shall not entitle any person to carry on any cannabis business unless the person has complied with all of the requirements of this Code and all other applicable state laws.

B. No tax paid under the provisions of this Chapter shall be construed as authorizing the conduct or continuance of any illegal or unlawful business, or any business in violation of any local or state law.

3.30.220 Deficiency determinations.

If the Tax Administrator is not satisfied that any statement filed as required under the provisions of this Chapter is correct, or that the amount of tax is correctly computed, he or she may compute and determine the amount to be paid and make a deficiency determination upon the basis of the facts contained in the statement or upon the basis of any information in his or her possession or that may come into his or her possession within three (3) years of the date the tax was originally due and payable. One or more deficiency determinations of the amount of tax due for a period or periods may be made. When a person discontinues engaging in a business, a deficiency determination may be made at any time within three (3) years thereafter as to any liability arising from engaging in such business whether or not a deficiency determination is issued prior to the date the tax would otherwise be due. Whenever a deficiency determination, a notice of deficiency shall be given to the person concerned in the same manner as notices of assessment are given under Section 3.30.240.

3.30.230 Failure to report—nonpayment, fraud.

A. Under any of the following circumstances, the Tax Administrator may make and give notice of an assessment of the amount of tax owed by a person under this Chapter at any time:

1. If the person has not filed a complete statement required under the provisions of this Chapter;
2. If the person has not paid the tax due under the provisions of this Chapter;
3. If the person has not, after demand by the Tax Administrator, filed a corrected statement, or furnished to the Tax Administrator adequate substantiation of the information contained in a statement already filed, or paid any additional amount of tax due under the provisions of this Chapter; or
4. If the Tax Administrator determines that the nonpayment of any business tax due under this Chapter is due to fraud, a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the tax shall be added thereto in addition to penalties and interest otherwise stated in this Chapter and any other penalties allowed by law.

B. The notice of assessment shall separately set forth the amount of any tax known by the Tax Administrator to be due or estimated by the Tax Administrator, after consideration of all information within the Tax Administrator's knowledge concerning the business and activities of the person assessed, to be due under each applicable section of this Chapter, and shall include the amount of any penalties or interest accrued on each amount to the date of the notice of assessment.

3.30.240 Tax assessment - notice requirements.

The notice of assessment shall be served upon the person either by personal delivery, or by a deposit of the notice in the United States mail, postage prepaid thereon, addressed to the person at the address of the location of the business or to such other address as he or she shall register with the Tax Administrator for the purpose of receiving notices provided under this Chapter; or, should the person have no address registered with the Tax Administrator for such purpose, then to such person's last known address. For the purposes of this Section, a service by mail is complete at the time of deposit in the United States mail.

3.30.250 Tax assessment - hearing, application and determination.

Within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the notice of assessment, the person may apply in writing to the Tax Administrator for a hearing on the assessment. If application for a hearing before the County is not made within the time herein prescribed, the tax assessed by the Tax Administrator shall become final and conclusive. Within thirty (30) days of the receipt of any such application for hearing, the Tax Administrator shall cause the matter to be set for hearing before him or her no later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of the application, unless a later date is agreed to by the Tax Administrator and the person requesting the hearing. Notice of such hearing shall be given by the Tax Administrator to the person requesting such hearing not later than five (5) days prior to such hearing. At such hearing said applicant may appear and offer evidence why the assessment as made by the Tax Administrator should not be confirmed and fixed as the tax due. After such hearing the Tax Administrator shall determine and, if applicable, reassess the proper tax to be charged and shall give written notice to the person in the



manner prescribed in Section 3.30.240 for giving notice of assessment.

3.30.260 Relief from taxes -disaster relief.

A. If a Business is unable to comply with any tax requirement due to a disaster, the Business may notify the Tax Administrator of this inability to comply and request relief from the tax requirement;

B. The Tax Administrator, in its sole discretion, may provide written relief from the cannabis business tax requirement for Businesses whose operations have been impacted by a disaster if such tax liability does not exceed five thousand (\$5,000) dollars. If such tax liability is five thousand one (\$5,001) dollars or more than such relief shall only be approved by the County Board of Supervisors;

C. Temporary relief from the cannabis tax may be provided for a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Tax Administrator in order to allow the Business time to recover from the disaster;

D. The Tax Administrator may require that certain conditions be followed in order for a Business to receive temporary relief from the cannabis business tax requirement;

E. A Business shall not be subject to an enforcement action for a violation of a cannabis business requirement in which the licensee has received temporary relief from the tax administrator;

F. For purposes of this section, "disaster" means fire, flood, storm, tidal wave, earthquake, or similar public calamity, whether or not resulting from natural causes.

G. The Business shall notify the Tax Administrator in writing of its request for temporary relief from imposition of the tax requirement pursuant to subsection (A) of this Section. The request shall clearly indicate why relief is requested, the time period for which the relief is requested, a description of the disaster justifying relief, and the reasons relief is needed for the specified amount of time;

H. The Business will grant the Tax Administrator access to the location where the Business has been impacted due to a disaster.

3.30.270 Conviction for violation - taxes not waived.

The conviction and punishment of any person for failure to pay the required tax 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 any violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of any state law requiring the payment of all taxes.

3.30.280 Violation deemed misdemeanor.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

3.30.290 Severability.

If any provision of this Chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is 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.

3.30.300 Remedies cumulative.

All remedies and penalties prescribed by this Chapter or which are available under any other provision of the Mono County Code and any other provision of law or equity are cumulative. The use of one or more remedies by the County shall not bar the use of any other remedy for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter.

3.30.310 Amendment or repeal.

This Chapter may be repealed or amended by the County Board of Supervisors without a vote of the people to the extent allowed by law. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Chapter. The people of the County of Mono 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 County Board of Supervisors 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; or

C. The collection of the tax imposed by this Chapter even if the County had,

for some period of time, failed to collect the tax.

D. The adjustment of the tax in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (C) and (D) of Section 3.30.050.

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF HOW TAX MAY BE SPENT. All revenue from the taxes imposed by Chapter 3.30 of the Mono County Code, including taxes levied on commercial cannabis cultivation, cannabis testing laboratories, retail cannabis sales, cannabis distribution, manufacturing, processing, micro-businesses or any other cannabis business, as listed in Mono County Code Section 3.30.050, shall be spent for unrestricted general revenue purposes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

s/ Bob Gardner
Bob Gardner, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

s/ Scheereen Dedman
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/ Stacey Simon
County Counsel



**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE D
MONO COUNTY CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX
(A GENERAL TAX)**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Mono County Cannabis Business Tax
Measure D**

The Mono County Board of Supervisors proposes "Measure D." Approval of Measure D would, beginning July 1, 2018, impose a tax on each person engaged in a cannabis business, including cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution and sale, within the unincorporated area of Mono County (not within the Town of Mammoth Lakes). The tax would not apply to personal cannabis cultivation as defined in the "Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act" or to personal use of cannabis that is specifically exempted from state licensing requirements and meets specified criteria. The details of the proposed tax are contained in Ordinance ORD18-02 of the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

The cannabis business tax would be levied on cultivation based upon square footage of plant canopy (including each level of canopy if plants are grown on stacked shelves) and on other cannabis businesses based on gross receipts.

The tax rates for commercial cultivation are as follows:

- \$2.00 annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses exclusively artificial lighting, capped at \$3.00 through June 30, 2021.
- \$1.50 annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses a combination of natural and supplemental artificial lighting, capped at \$2.50 through June 30, 2021.
- \$.50 annually per square foot of canopy space in a facility that uses no artificial lighting, capped at \$1.50 through June 30, 2021.
- \$.50 annually per square foot of canopy space for any nursery, capped at \$1.00 through June 30, 2021.

On July 1, 2021, and on each following July 1, the maximum annual tax rate per square foot of canopy space would increase by the percentage change between January of the calendar year prior to the increase and January of the calendar year of the increase in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for all urban consumers in the Western Region as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The tax on non-cultivation commercial cannabis business activity would be as follows:

- Testing laboratory: 1% of gross receipts, not to exceed 2.5%.
- Retail sales of cannabis as a retailer (dispensary) or non-store front retailer (delivery) or microbusiness (retail sales): 4% of gross receipts, not to exceed 8%.
- Cannabis distribution business: 2% of gross receipts, not to exceed 4%.
- Cannabis manufacturing, processing, or microbusiness (non-retail), or any other type of commercial cannabis business: 2.5% of gross receipts, not to exceed 4%.

The Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance or resolution, increase the tax rates for non-cultivation operations from the minimum percentages stated above to the maximum percentages stated above.

The cannabis business tax is a general tax enacted solely for general governmental purposes of Mono County and not for specific purposes. All of the proceeds from the proposed tax would be placed in Mono County's general fund and be available for any legal County purpose.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the imposition of the tax.

A "No" vote is a vote against imposition of the tax.

The measure requires a simple majority vote for approval.

The Mono County Finance Department has prepared the following fiscal impact analysis of the proposed Cannabis Business Tax (CBT).

Fiscal Impact from County Finance Director:

This measure would authorize the County of Mono to add Chapter 3.30 to the County Code, imposing a business tax on each person engaged in a cannabis business, including cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution and sale, in the unincorporated area of the County. The tax, if approved by voters, is effective beginning July 1, 2018.

Approval of this measure would establish a square footage canopy tax for cultivators and a gross receipts tax for all other operators including testing laboratories, retailers, dispensaries, distributors, manufacturers, processors, and microbusinesses. The measure sets the canopy tax at an initial rate per square foot of canopy allowed by the approved permit between 50 cents to \$2.00 per square foot, depending on whether plants are cultivated outside without an enclosure or inside within an enclosure and the type of lighting in use. The initial rate for the gross receipts tax is set between 1% and 4%, depending on the type of license. The measure sets maximum rates of \$1.00 to \$3.00 per square foot for cultivators and 2.5% to 8% for all other license types. The County Board of Supervisors would have the authority to adjust the rate by resolution or ordinance. Beginning July 1, 2021, the maximum rates in this measure are indexed for inflation.

This ballot measure estimates increasing General Fund revenue from the tax, with these revenues paying for increased General Fund expenditures incurred for administrative costs related to tax collection and additional costs in law enforcement, public health, emergency services and code enforcement associated with the new cannabis industry. The amount of tax revenues, as well as the additional costs, is uncertain because the number of permitted businesses, the size of each cultivator, the amount of gross receipts each business might generate, and the level of additional County services needed is mostly unknown. Several factors influence the amount of revenues including the number and type of licenses issued, the demand for and price of cannabis. If eight operators are permitted, we estimate revenues from this measure may range from \$143,000 to \$330,000. We estimate administrative costs of at least \$20,000, the addition of at least 1.5 new employment positions and costs of additional County services at least \$210,000. If this tax measure does not pass, these costs would be paid for with County tax revenues paid by the existing taxpayers in Mono County.



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D

This measure would require cannabis (marijuana) businesses operating within unincorporated Mono County to pay taxes that will provide funds to address the impacts created by this new industry. This is not a sales tax or income tax. ONLY cannabis businesses would be subject to the tax.

This Measure applies ONLY OUTSIDE the Town of Mammoth Lakes, in unincorporated Mono County. The Town is proposing a separate measure that would apply within the Town and would not fund County activities.

On November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, which legalized the recreational use of cannabis by adults in California. Over 40 cities and counties in California have now enacted taxes on cannabis businesses to address the increased burdens on local agencies' budgets caused by cannabis legalization.

Increased costs are anticipated in law enforcement, public health, emergency services, code compliance, and other areas. The tax would fund increased demands on County services resulting from this new industry, including enforcement actions related to businesses operating illegally within the County. Without this tax, those burdens would be borne by the taxpayers of Mono County.

The tax revenues generated by this measure will also help fund general County services including law enforcement, emergency medical services, public health and environmental protection. If this Measure is adopted, cannabis businesses would be required to contribute funds to address the indirect impacts of the cannabis industry—impacts that can't otherwise be funded through direct fees to these businesses.

A "yes" vote on this Measure ensures cannabis business operators contribute a fair share toward the law enforcement, public health, code compliance, emergency service and other efforts needed to preserve our community character, natural environment, and quality of life in Mono County.

Mono County Board of Supervisors

s/ Bob Gardner
Bob Gardner, Chair

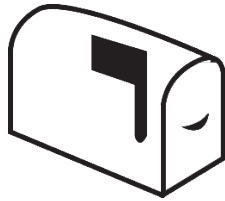
s/ Fred Stump
Fred Stump, District 2 Supervisor

s/ Stacy Corless
Stacy Corless, District 5 Supervisor

s/ John Peters
John Peters, District 4 Supervisor

By the signatures listed above, the Board of Supervisors certifies that this argument is true and correct.





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Voted ballots must be returned in person to any polling place or the elections office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Your ballot may also be postmarked on Election Day and received by June 8th and it will still count!

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Phone: 760-932-5537

The application or request must be received in the Elections Office before 5:00 p.m. on **May 29, 2018**, (postmark won't suffice).

You may return your vote by mail ballot to any polling place or the elections office by 8:00 p.m. **on election day**. Your ballot may be postmarked on election day and received in our office by June 8th and it will still count!



VOTE BY MAIL VOTING INFORMATION

**MAY
21
2018**

**LAST DAY TO
REGISTER
FOR THIS
ELECTION**

If you moved on or before the date shown and have not registered to vote at your new address, you will not be able to vote at the location shown on the polling place label. Please call the Elections Division at (760) 932-5537 for more information. If you moved after this date, you can use your old address to either vote at the location shown on the polling place label or vote by mail. HOWEVER, you must register at your new address to vote in future elections.

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FROM:



26-AV-E230902

The Post Office
will NOT deliver
mail without
a stamp



**DID YOU SIGN YOUR APPLICATION
AND PRINT YOUR RESIDENCE
ADDRESS ABOVE YOUR SIGNATURE?**



REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX 237
BRIDGEPORT CA 93517-0237



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**MAY
29
2018**

**LAST DAY TO
REQUEST
VOTE BY MAIL
BALLOT**

- Sign your request in your own handwriting.
- Submit your request to the Registrar's Office no later than 5 p.m. on the date shown (the 7th day prior to Election Day).
- A vote by mail ballot shall be issued to the requesting voter in person or by mail.

**JUNE
5
2018**

**LAST DAY TO
RETURN
VOTE BY MAIL
BALLOT**

Voted ballots must be received in the County Clerk's office or at any polling place within the state no later than 8:00pm on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than three days after Election Day to be counted.

NOTICE TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED VOTER

If the polling place is not designated as accessible to the physically handicapped voter, such voter may request a vote by mail ballot by completing the application on reverse side. A precinct board member may also take a regular ballot to the physically handicapped person at a place as near as possible to the polling place and which is accessible to such person, qualify that person to vote, and return the voted ballot to the polling place. (EC14282). If you are unable to mark your ballot, you may bring up to two people to the the polls to assist you with voting. Si usted no puede marcar la boleta, usted puede llevar hasta dos personas al lugar de votacion para asistirlo a votar.

PERMANENT VOTE BY MAIL VOTER STATUS

State law now allows any voter who so requests to be a Permanent Vote by Mail Voter. If you check the Permanent Vote by Mail Voter box on the Application for a Vote by Mail Ballot on reverse side, a vote by mail ballot will automatically be sent to you for future elections. Failure to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections will cancel your Permanent Vote by Mail Voter Status and you will need to reapply. If you have questions concerning the vote by mail ballot please call (760) 932-5537.

ELECTION TO BE HELD: **STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**

From
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
PO BOX 237
BRIDGEPORT CA 93517
(760) 932-5537

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POLLING PLACE
LOCATION:



* NOTE TO PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED
VOTERS

* If an asterisk follows the designation
of your polling place, it is accessible
to the physically handicapped.

POSTMASTER
DELIVER TO:

APPLICATION FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

I hereby request a vote by mail ballot for the
STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

MAY 29, 2018

LAST DAY APPLICATION MAY BE RECEIVED

BALLOT
TYPE

1. My residence address is:

2. Please mail my vote by mail ballot to me at this address,
if different than that shown on label above:

Residence Address

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

3. Daytime telephone

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information on this application is true and correct.

4. SIGN HERE

Signature as registered. Each applicant must sign own signature.

Date

Permanent Vote by Mail Voter. Check here if you wish to become a Permanent Vote by Mail Voter (see information on other side).

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MONO COUNTY

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO YOUR POLLING PLACE FOR REFERENCE

NOTICE

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 above and return it to:

Registrar of Voters, PO Box 237, Bridgeport, CA 93517

Your application must reach the office of the Registrar not less than 7 days before the day of election. For further information call:
(760) 932-5537

ASSISTANCE FOR THE VISUALLY, HEARING, OR SPEECH IMPAIRED

The Secretary of State's Office has a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) for registration and election information: 1-800-833-8683 (1-800-TDD-VOTE). For the visually impaired, audio CDs of State Ballot Measures are available from the Registrar of Voters, Elections Division, (760) 932-5537.

