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RESOLUTION NO: _____

A Resolution Authorizing the Elections Office To Not Print the List of Proponents and Opponents of Local Measures on the Ballot Label

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1416 was passed by the State Legislature in 2022 with an effective date of January 1, 2023. AB 1416 adds a requirement for statewide measures that a listing of the supporters and opponents of measures be listed on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, counties are permitted the option of printing the list of supporters and opponents of local measures on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Election Code section 9170(d), which was added pursuant to AB 1416 states as follows:

At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots;

WHEREAS, the same list of proponents and opponents of each local measure is already printed in the Yolo County Voter Information Guide sent to each voter prior to an election with all information pertaining to local measures; and

WHEREAS, opting into the duplication of this information is unnecessary and will result in undue burden and cost increases for ballot production and printing. The additional ballot space required for each local measure printed on the ballot increases the complexity and length of the ballot and therefore increases the number of ballot cards. Increasing the number of cards will cause the Elections Office to incur additional expenses for each election due to the material costs of the ballot cards and postage as well as staff time required to process additional cards; and

WHEREAS, the printing of the supporters and opponents on the ballot will increase the possibility for electioneering and promotion of candidates who may be on the ballot and are also signers of the measure; and

WHEREAS, the requirement of printing the list of supporters and opponents would also put the Elections Office in the position of accepting or denying abbreviations of supporters/opponents that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit of 125 characters each, and in turn may result in challenges to perceived unfair determinations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF YOLO that pursuant to Elections Code section 9170(d), the Board elects to opt out of the AB 1416 requirements and elects not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot for the 2024 General Election and future county ballots.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take full force and effect immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 4th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Lucas Frerichs, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Julie Dachtler, Sr. Deputy Clerk
of the Board

Approved as to Form:
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)

By: _____
Hope P. Welton, Senior Deputy