

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARINA AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE BE SENT TO OUR DELEGATION (ALEJO, MONNING, STONE AND CANNELLA) AND TO TAMC IN SUPPORT OF THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO RAISE THE 2% LOCAL OPTION CAP TO ALLOW TAMC TO PROCEED WITH ITS PROPOSED 3/8% SALES TAX MEASURE.

WHEREAS, August 26, 2015 the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board gave input today to work on special legislation authorizing TAMC to place a 3/8% transportation investment measure on the ballot in November, 2016 as an exemption to the 2% local option sales tax cap, and;

WHEREAS, This action is necessary because Greenfield has placed a measure on the November 2015 ballot that is direly needed for local public safety, but it does not leave room for the transportation measure, and

WHEREAS, The TAMC Board agreed that it is important to continue to pursue our \$20 million/year sales tax measure to provide critically needed investments into our transportation system; however, without this legislation there will be no money to divide up, and;

WHEREAS, TAMC is requesting a letter of support be sent to our delegation (Alejo, Monning, Stone and Cannella) and to TAMC in support of this special legislation to raise the 2% local option cap to allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure

WHEREAS, this special legislation to provide an exemption to the 2% local option cap would allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure. Monterey County's transportation system is falling apart and needs fixes to provide safer ways for people to get around and get to work, school, and businesses, to support our economy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Marina does hereby approve:

1. Resolution No. 2015-, authorizing the a letter of support from the Mayor's Office be sent to our delegation (Alejo, Monning, Stone and Cannella) and to TAMC in support of this special legislation exemption of the local option cap to allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Marina at a regular meeting duly held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Amadeo, Brown, Morton, O'Connell, Delgado

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anita Sharp Deputy City Clerk

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**EXHIBIT A**

September 2, 2015

The Honorable Bill Monning  
Senate Majority Leader  
17<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
State Capitol, Room 313  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Monterey County sales tax limit measure**

Dear Senator Monning:

On behalf of the City of Marina I am writing to express our support for legislation that would provide an exemption from the current two percent cap for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County to pursue a local sales tax measure, subject to voter approval, for transportation in 2016.

Existing law authorizes various local governmental entities to levy a transactions and use tax for specific purposes, in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law, including a requirement that the combined rate of all taxes that may be imposed under that law in the county may not exceed 2%.

TAMC is considering a 3/8% (0.375%) countywide transportation investment measure, aiming for the November 2016 ballot. However, with other non-transportation tax measures proposed by Monterey County jurisdictions, there will not be sufficient capacity under the 2% local option sales tax cap countywide. The TAMC Board agreed that it is important to continue to pursue a \$20 million/year sales tax measure to provide critically needed investments into Monterey County's transportation system.

This special legislation to provide an exemption to the 2% local option cap would allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure. Monterey County's transportation system is falling apart and needs fixes to provide safer ways for people to get around and get to work, school, and businesses, to support our economy.

The mission of TAMC is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County. The reliability of federal and state funding for transportation needs has become tenuous and challenging. There is a significant funding shortfall, making it difficult to maintain existing roads, or to make needed safety and mobility improvements. Many counties have opted to become "self-help" counties with voter approved transportation measures dedicated to meet their local needs. An important component of becoming a "self-help" county is that the community controls the funds and determines how the funds are spent.

I strongly urge you to support TAMC's effort to make Monterey County a "self-help" county to fund transportation infrastructure. Thank you for supporting efforts to improve transportation in California.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Delgado  
Mayor  
City of Marina

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Marina City Council

City Council Meeting  
of September 1, 2015

**CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2015-,  
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LEGISLATION TO RAISE THE 2% LOCAL OPTION CAP TO ALLOW  
TAMC TO PROCEED WITH ITS PROPOSED 3/8% SALES TAX  
MEASURE.**

**REQUEST:**

It is requested that the City Council consider:

1. Adopting Resolution No. 2015-, authorizing the a letter of support from the Mayor's Office be sent to our delegation (Alejo, Monning, Stone and Cannella) and to TAMC in support of this special legislation to raise the 2% local option cap to allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

August 26, 2015 the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Board gave input today to work on special legislation authorizing TAMC to place a 3/8% transportation investment measure on the ballot in November, 2016 as an exemption to the 2% local option sales tax cap.

This action is necessary because Greenfield has placed a measure on the November 2015 ballot that is direly needed for local public safety, but it does not leave room for the transportation measure.

The TAMC Board agreed that it is important to continue to pursue our \$20 million/year sales tax measure to provide critically needed investments into our transportation system; however, without this legislation there will be no money to divide up.

TAMC is requesting a letter of support be sent to our delegation (Alejo, Monning, Stone and Cannella) and to TAMC in support of this special legislation to raise the 2% local option cap to allow TAMC to proceed with its proposed 3/8% sales tax measure. (“EXHIBIT A”)

Why is this so important? Because our city and county transportation system is falling apart and needs repairs, we need to provide safer ways for people to get around and get to work/school/businesses, we need a transportation system that supports our economy, and we want to get our fair share of matching funds by becoming a self-help county.

Time is of the essence, because we only have until September 11, 2015 to have the legislature approve this measure, and we need our delegation's support right away.

**CONCLUSION:**

Respectfully submitted,

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Layne P. Long  
City Manager  
City of Marina