



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
AGENDA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
SPECIAL SESSION 11:00 AM**

Location:

Administrative Conference Room, Sonoma Valley Hospital, 347 Andrieux Street, Sonoma, CA, 95476

Conference call number and passcode:

#1-866 228-9900, Guest code: #294221

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| AGENDA ITEM | | |
| MISSION STATEMENT The mission of SVHCD is to maintain, improve, and restore the health of everyone in our community. | | |
| 1. CALL TO ORDER | Hirsch | |
| 2. PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION | Hirsch | |
| 3. REVISION TO PARCEL TAX RESOLUTION No. 331 | Hirsch | Action |
| 4. ADJOURN | Hirsch | |



Meeting Date: December 8, 2016
Prepared by: Peter Hohorst
Agenda Item Title: Revision to Parcel Tax Resolution No. 331

Recommendations:

Although the parcel tax resolution was approved at the Board meeting on December 1, 2016, the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters suggested changing the wording of the abbreviated ballot form in order to make the abbreviated ballot form a single sentence. I agree to her suggested change, but it still needs to be approved by the full Board

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board approve the change to the abbreviated ballot form in the parcel tax resolution.

Background:

The wording for the abbreviated ballot form in the parcel tax resolution passed at the Board meeting on December 1, 2016 read:

“Shall the Sonoma Valley Health Care District renew its expiring parcel tax for five years at up to \$250 per parcel per year in order to assure the continued operation of the hospital emergency room, offset continuing reductions in reimbursements by Federal and State health insurance programs which are below the cost of providing hospital services and ensure the availability of acute hospital care and other hospital services at Sonoma Valley Hospital? The amount of money to be raised annually by the parcel tax levy is estimated to be \$3.8 million.”

The wording suggested by the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters is as follows:

“Shall the Sonoma Valley Health Care District renew its expiring parcel tax for five years at up to \$250 per parcel per year, raising an estimated \$3.8 million annually, in order to assure the continued operation of the hospital emergency room, offset continuing reductions in reimbursements by Federal and State health insurance programs which are below the cost of providing hospital services and ensure the availability of acute hospital care and other hospital services at Sonoma Valley Hospital?.”

The change suggested by the registrar of voters does not change the meaning of the original paragraph.

Consequences of Negative Action/Alternative Actions:

In order to be valid for the March 7, 2017 election, the approval of the wording change is required by December 9, 2016.