

RESOLUTION NO. 26-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026, TO PLACE A MEASURE, THE “CITY OF SIERRA MADRE NO-TAX INCREASE GANN MEASURE”, TO OVERRIDE THE GANN LIMIT ON THE BALLOT

RECITALS

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the laws relating to general law cities in the State of California, a Special Municipal Election shall be held on June 2, 2026, to place a measure, the “City of Sierra Madre No-Tax Increase GANN Measure to override the GANN Limit on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution authorizes the voters of Sierra Madre to increase the City’s appropriations limit or “Gann Limit”;

WHEREAS, without voter override of this technical state requirement, the City cannot keep the Sierra Madre Fire Station open 24/7 without reducing other essential services, including protecting safe, clean water, brush clearing and wildfire prevention, maintaining the City’s emergency reserve fund for natural disasters, preserving local control of public safety, and repairing streets, sidewalks, and potholes;

WHEREAS, without voter override of this technical state requirement, the City cannot use the local revenues earned through investment in local economic growth;

WHEREAS, as a small city, Sierra Madre must remain in control of its own budgetary practices, and this measure strengthens local control by overriding state requirements, ensuring that the City of Sierra Madre, not the state, is in control of its budget, without raising current tax rates;

WHEREAS, Elections Code sections 9222 and 12001 authorize the City Council to adopt a resolution to call a special election for the purpose of submitting the question of the appropriations limit increase to the voters;

WHEREAS, Election Code sections 1400, 10403, 10418 require that any such special election be consolidated with a statewide election and that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors be given notice; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Madre City Council desires to place a question to increase the City’s appropriations limit for four years on the ballot for the Tuesday, June 2, 2026, statewide primary election.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law Cities, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Sierra Madre, California, on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, a Special Municipal Election to increase the City's appropriations limit or "Gann Limit".

SECTION 2. That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter and all supplies, equipment and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

SECTION 4. That the polls for the election shall be open at seven o'clock a.m. of the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 o'clock p.m. of the same day when the polls shall be closed, pursuant to Election Code Section 10242, except as provided in Section 14401 of the Election Code of the State of California.

SECTION 5. That in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

SECTION 9. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed and directed to give further or additional notice of the election, in time, form and manner as required by law.

SECTION 10. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36932, that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

SECTION 11. Recitals. The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 12. Ballot Question. The following ballot question shall be submitted to the voters:

"City of Sierra Madre No-Tax Increase Gann Measure. Shall the measure adjusting the City of Sierra Madre's appropriations limit to allow increased budgeting of City revenues for general governmental purposes, including protecting safe clean water, maintaining brush clearing and wildfire prevention, firefighter/paramedic staffing levels, 911 emergency response, repairing potholes, streets, and sidewalk, upgrading storm drains to protect local groundwater supplies; maintaining natural disaster preparedness for four years (this measure does not increase taxes or impose any new taxes), be adopted?"	YES
	NO

SECTION 15. Impartial Analysis. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an impartial analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and the operation of the measure. The impartial analysis shall be filed by the date set by the City Clerk.

SECTION 16. CEQA. The proposed action does not constitute as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, because under 14 CCR 15378(b)(4), a project does not include "The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment."

SECTION 17. Severability. If any sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution or any part hereof or exhibit hereto is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof or exhibit thereto. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that anyone or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraph, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 18. Filing. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters and to take all necessary steps for holding an election.

SECTION 19. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

Kristine Lowe, Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing Resolution No. 26-17 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre, California, at a meeting held on the 24th day of February, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Laura Aguilar, City Clerk