

BEFORE THE CITY CLERK OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

In re Referendum Petition on Ordinance No. 2869

Robin Craigen and Dan Merritts,
Representatives of Referendum Petition Proponents

**DECISION OF THE CITY CLERK OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
REGARDING A REFERENDUM PETITION FILED ON JULY 21, 2022**

This matter comes before the Office of the City Clerk of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in light of the filing of a petition to commence a referendum on a municipal ordinance. The City Clerk has duly considered the filed materials and relevant law and issues the following decision.

LEGAL BACKGROUND

1. The City of Steamboat Springs (“City”) is a home rule municipality.
2. The City adopted and is bound by a home rule charter (“Charter”).
3. Certain Charter provisions address election matters generally and referenda specifically.
4. The City has adopted and codified certain municipal ordinances that address election matters generally and referenda specifically (“Steamboat Code”).
5. The Colorado Constitution provides the right of referendum at the local level, subject to state law and such local laws as municipalities enact.

The initiative and referendum powers reserved to the people by this section are hereby further reserved to the registered electors of every city, town, and municipality as to all local, special, and municipal legislation of every character in or for their respective municipalities. **The manner of exercising said powers shall be prescribed by general laws; except that cities, towns, and municipalities may provide for the manner of exercising the initiative and referendum powers as to their municipal legislation.** Not more than ten percent of the registered electors may be required to order the referendum, nor more than fifteen percent to propose any measure by the initiative in any city, town, or municipality.

Colo. Const., art. V, sec. 1(9) (emphasis added).

6. Home rule jurisdictions, such as the City, have further constitutional authority to address administration of local elections, as the Constitution provides them with the “powers necessary, requisite, or proper for the government and administration” of local matters including “[a]ll matters pertaining to municipal elections... including the calling or notice and the date of such election.” Colo. Const., art. XX, sec. 6(d).
7. “[T]his section (of the Constitution) gives municipalities all the powers of the General Assembly with regard to local and municipal electoral matters.” *Bruce v. City of Colo. Springs*, 252 P.3d 30, 33, (Colo. App. 2010).
8. The Colorado Municipal Election Code applies to regular and special municipal elections of Steamboat Springs. Charter, sec. 2.1 (“City elections shall be governed by the Colorado Municipal Election Law as now existing or hereafter amended or modified, except as otherwise provided in this Charter or as Council may prescribe by ordinance”).
9. The Colorado Uniform Election Code also applies to regular and special municipal elections of Steamboat Springs where it is not inconsistent with the Charter and the City’s municipal ordinances. Steamboat Code, sec. 6-3 (“Except as otherwise provided by this Chapter or by the Steamboat Springs Home Rule Charter, the Colorado Uniform Election Code, C.R.S. 1-1-101, et. seq. shall govern the conduct of City of Steamboat Springs elections”).
10. Voters in the City may seek a referendum to repeal a City ordinance, consistent with the conditions provided in the Charter, the Code, and pertinent state laws. Charter, sec. 8.2.
11. Under the Steamboat Code, “The City Clerk shall approve or reject the form and the first printer's proof of the petition no later than five business days following the date on which the City Clerk received such material.” Sec. 6-21(b).
12. “The City Clerk may reject a petition or a section of a petition on the grounds that the petition or a section of the petition does not propose municipal legislation pursuant to section 1 (9) of article V of the state constitution or pursuant to Section 8.1 or other applicable provision of the City of Steamboat Springs Home Rule Charter.” *Id.*
13. The power of referendum excludes certain City Council ordinances including any ordinance that calls a special election.

The registered electors of the City shall have the power to require reconsideration by the Council of any ordinance and, if the Council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a municipal election, in accordance with the provisions of this article of this Charter; **provided that such power shall not extend to the budget, capital program, appropriation of any revenues, levy of taxes, calling a special election, or authorizing the issuance of securities (except as provided in Section 10.9), or ordinances to meet the contractual obligations of the City.**

Charter, sec. 8.1(b) (emphasis added).

14. **“Regular municipal elections** shall be held on **the first Tuesday in November in the odd-numbered years** commencing with 1975 and biennially thereafter.” Charter, sec. 2.2 (emphasis added).
15. A “regular election” is defined as “[a] municipal election held every two (2) years at which **candidates for elective offices of the City are voted upon**. Steamboat Code, sec. 13.15(k) (emphasis added).
16. A “special election” is defined as “any election called by the governing body of any municipality or initiated by petition to be **held at a time other than the regular election** for the purpose of **submitting public questions or proposals to the registered electors** of the municipality.” C.R.S. § 31-11-101(11) (emphasis added); *see also* C.R.S. § 1-1-104(46) (a special election is “any election called by a governing board for submission of ballot issues and other matters, as authorized by their enabling legislation”).
17. The City Council may call a special election but must do so “at least thirty (30) days in advance of such election” and specify “the purpose or purposes of such election.” Charter, sec. 2.3.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

18. On July 19, 2022, the Steamboat Springs City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2869, setting an election on November 8, 2022 that asks for voter approval of a 9% tax on short term rentals for 20 years, raising \$14,309,858 annually to be expended on affordable housing projects, and such tax revenue would be exempt from spending or revenue limitations under the Colorado Constitution.
19. Prior voter approval for any new tax is required pursuant to Colo. Const., art. X, sec. 20(4)(a) (“TABOR”), necessitating the election on this question.
20. On July 21, 2022, certain registered voters of the City filed a referendum petition for the repeal of Ordinance No. 2869, attached hereto. This petition is deemed timely filed.
21. The fifth business day after July 21, 2022 (the date of filing of this referendum) is July 28, 2022. Therefore, this decision is timely rendered.
22. The year, 2022, is not an odd-numbered year.
23. No candidates for City elective offices will be on the ballot in 2022.
24. Candidates for City elective offices were on the ballot in 2021 and are scheduled to be on the ballot in 2023.

25. The July 19 passage of Ordinance No. 2869 is more than thirty days prior to the November 8, 2022 election.
26. As part of the filed petition, the petition committee included the following summary of the referendum: “The ordinance that is the subject of this referendum petition is Ordinance No. 2869, Ordinance to submit to a vote for a 9% STR tax for 20 years.”

FIRST GROUND OF INSUFFICIENCY:

**NO REFERENDUM ELECTION IS PERMITTED AS TO THIS ORDINANCE
BECAUSE THE BASIS FOR THE REFERENDUM PETITION
IS THE CITY COUNCIL’S DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL ELECTION.**

27. A referendum may not be commenced to seek voter repeal of the City’s actions to call a special election. Charter, sec. 8.1(b).
28. The November 8, 2022 on the question posed in Ordinance No. 2869 is a “special election” for the City because:
 - (a) This election would be not held in November of an odd-numbered year, and therefore, such election cannot be a “regular election,” Charter, sec. 2.2;
 - (b) No municipal candidates are on that ballot, and therefore, such election cannot be a “regular election,” Steamboat Code, sec. 13.15(k);
 - (c) The municipal matters on such ballot consist exclusively of public issues, ballot issues, and like matters, and therefore, such election is a “special election.” C.R.S. § 31-11-101(11); *see also* C.R.S. § 1-1-104(46).
29. Because the Charter prohibits a referendum on the calling of a special election, the November 8, 2022 election on the City tax is a special election, and the proposed referendum petition seeks to repeal the ordinance calling that special election, the petition is rejected because it violates the Charter and is therefore insufficient as a matter of law.

SECOND GROUND OF INSUFFICIENCY:

**NO REFERENDUM ELECTION IS PERMITTED AS TO THIS ORDINANCE
BECAUSE THE PETITION DOES NOT ADDRESS “MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION”
AS SET FORTH BY THE CHARTER.**

30. “The City Clerk may reject a petition... on the grounds that the petition... does not propose municipal legislation... pursuant to Section 8.1 or other applicable provision of the City of Steamboat Springs Home Rule Charter.” Steamboat Code, sec. 6-21(b).

31. Under the Constitution, “cities, towns, and municipalities may provide for the manner of exercising the initiative and referendum powers as to their municipal legislation.” Colo. Const., art. V, sec. 1(9).
32. As noted above, Section 8.1(b) of the Charter lists several types of regular Council actions (budget, capital program, appropriation of any revenues, levy of taxes, calling a special election, or authorizing issuance of certain securities, and ordinances that meet the City’s contractual obligations) that do not constitute “municipal legislation” subject to the right of referendum.
33. Two acts covered by Section 8.1(b) were topics of Ordinance No. 2869 – the “levy of taxes” and “calling a special election.”
34. No “levy of taxes” is effective without voter approval, but the action by Council in adopting Ordinance 2969 and thereby referring a question pursuant to TABOR about a specific levy of taxes to City voters is a constitutionally necessary component of such levy. Colo. Const., art. X, sec. 20(4)(a) (voter approval required for any new tax).
35. Because of TABOR, the Council cannot impose a new tax of its own accord and without voter approval. *Id.*; *HCA-Healthone, LLC v. City of Lone Tree*, 197 P.3d 236, 241 (Colo. App. 2008) (TABOR voter approval requirement controls even as to a home rule city). Therefore, referring a proposed new tax or tax increase is as much as the City Council can do as to impose (i.e., “levy”) a new tax. *Cf. Waddell v. People*, 2020 CO 39, ¶24, 462 P.3d 1100, 1107 (“levy” means “[t]he imposition of a fine or tax”) citing Black’s Law Dictionary (11th ed. 2019).
36. Additionally, as addressed at length above, Ordinance No. 2869 called a “special election” for November 8, 2022 to allow voters to approve or reject the new tax. The calling of a special election is not municipal legislation subject to referendum under the Charter.
37. Because of the authority provided to the City as a home rule jurisdiction by Article V, sec. 1(9) and Article XX, sec. 6(d) of the Constitution, the carefully drawn limits on the referenda in the City were authorized.
38. In light of the Charter’s limitations on referenda relating to a tax levy and the calling of a special election, this referendum petition is rejected because it violates the Charter and is thus insufficient as a matter of law.
39. This decision preserves an effective advocacy role for the petition committee, in advocating against the ballot question to obtain “no” votes by at least 50% of participating voters. In contrast, allowing a petition to advance an unauthorized referendum is contrary to law and would create voter confusion by allowing voters to vote only on whether to have a future election on the proposed tax. *See City of Aurora v. Zwerdlinger*, 571 P.2d 1074, 1076 (Colo. 1977) (“to subject to referendum any ordinance

adopted by a city council, whether administrative or legislative, could result in chaos and the bringing of the machinery of government to a halt”).

THIRD GROUND OF INSUFFICIENCY:

**THE PETITION IS INSUFFICIENT BECAUSE THE SUMMARY
OF THE REFERENDUM IS IMPROPER.**

40. “A summary of the proposed initiative or ordinance that is the subject of a referendum petition shall be printed following the warning on each page of a petition section.” Steamboat Code, sec. 6-21(d)(2).
41. The proposed petition includes the following summary:

The ordinance that is the subject of this referendum petition is Ordinance No. 2869, Ordinance to submit to a vote for a 9% STR tax for 20 years.
42. This summary is found after the warning to petition signers on pages 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the proposed referendum petition.
43. A petition committee is not permitted to draft a referendum summary. “The summary shall be prepared by the City Clerk.” *Id.*
44. A referendum summary must provide clear, impartial information for potential petition signers. “The summary shall be true and impartial and shall not be an argument, or likely to create prejudice, either for or against the measure.” *Id.*
45. The proposed summary on this petition is not accurate to convey to voters the central features of the referendum. It is incomplete and uses an acronym that may not be familiar to or sufficiently informative for voters.
46. If this referendum petition actually was authorized by law, the Clerk must fulfill her duty to draft an adequate summary. A true, impartial summary that does not create prejudice for or against the measure would state:

This referendum repeals an ordinance that would allow City voters to decide whether to approve a 9% tax to be imposed on short term rental accommodations for the next 20 years, the revenue from such tax to be used to increase affordable and attainable housing in the City.
47. Therefore, even if the Clerk were to approve this referendum petition, such approval would be conditioned on correcting the petitioners’ errors in drafting a summary at all and in drafting a summary that does not meet the requirements of applicable law. This referendum petition would be required to include the summary in the above paragraph.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, this referendum petition is rejected.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2022.



Julie Franklin, City Clerk
City of Steamboat Springs
Office of the City Clerk
137 10th Street
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETITIONERS' COMMITTEE

In accordance with Section 8.2 of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Steamboat Springs, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, state that they will constitute the Petitioners' Committee and be responsible for circulating the Petition and filing it in property form requiring consideration by the Steamboat Springs City Council of Ordinance #2869, being an Ordinance for the purpose of submitting to a vote of the Electors of the city of Steamboat Springs, Colorado the question whether the City should impose a tax on Short-Term rental accommodations for a period of Twenty (20) years at a rate of 9% and dedicate the proceeds for the purpose of increasing the stock of affordable and attainable housing at locations including, but not limited to, Brown Ranch by providing incentive, contributions, and funding infrastructure associated with affordable and attainable house, including, without limitation, energy, stormwater, water, wastewater, and multi-modal transportation, and if the City Council fails to repeal such ordinance, requiring the City Council to submit the question of approval or rejection of such Ordinance to the qualified electors of the City at a municipal election in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Steamboat Springs.

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Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

The address to which all notices to the Committee shall be sent is as follows;

Attn: Robin Craigen c/o Moving Mountains, PO Box 880346, Steamboat Springs CO 80488

Further Affiants sayeth not.

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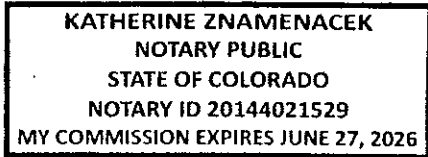
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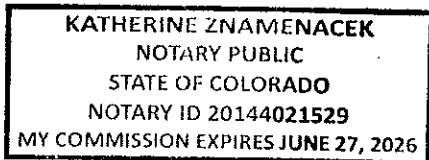
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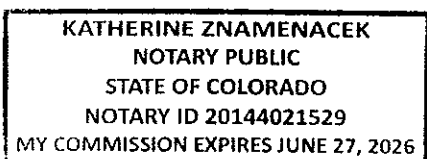
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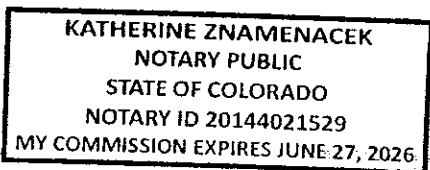
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The ordinance that is the subject of this referendum petition is Ordinance No. 2869, Ordinance to submit to a vote for a 9% STR tax for 20 years.

The full text of Ordinance No. 2869 reads as follows:

CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 2869

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO THE QUESTION WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD IMPOSE A TAX ON SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMODATIONS FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS AT A RATE OF 9% AND DEDICATE THE PROCEEDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING AT LOCATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BROWN RANCH BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ENERGY, STORMWATER, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION; SETTING A HEARING DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that short-term rentals have reduced the availability of affordable and attainable housing for the local workforce by removing affordable and attainable housing units from the City of Steamboat Springs and larger Yampa Valley community long term rental pool; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the reduced availability of affordable and attainable housing contributes to a serious labor shortage in the City of Steamboat Springs and the broader Yampa Valley community, which negatively impacts the City's provision of critical governmental services and the provision by private businesses of services to residents of and visitors to Steamboat Springs and thereby is deleterious to the economic health and welfare of the Steamboat Springs community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that short-term rentals are an essential component of the City's visitor economy and lodging infrastructure and are a substantial contributor to the City's sales tax and property tax base; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that it is necessary to the public health, safety, and

welfare to adopt a comprehensive regulatory plan to reduce the impacts of short-term rental uses, including tax policy, land use policy, and enhanced licensing and enforcement measures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that it is necessary to the public health, safety, and welfare for the City to dedicate public funds to encourage the development of affordable and attainable housing through incentives, contributions, and the development of infrastructure including, without limitation, energy, stormwater, water, wastewater, and multi-modal transportation to support additional housing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that local shortage of affordable and attainable housing increases the share of the local workforce that commutes from neighboring communities and thereby increases demands on regional transit services and that the development of affordable and attainable housing in the City will increase demand on for local transit and transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare to refer to the electorate the question whether to impose a tax on short-term rental accommodations, as defined in Chapter 12, Article IX of the Revised Municipal Code, for a period of twenty (20) years at a rate of 9% and to dedicate the resulting revenues to increase the availability of affordable and attainable housing by incentives, contributions, and funding infrastructure associated with additional housing including, without limitation, energy, stormwater, water, wastewater, and multi-modal transportation needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1

At the regular municipal election on November 8, 2022, there shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified and registered electors of the City the Ballot Issue set forth below, which question shall be similarly stated on the Ballot Label and Notice of Election.

FORM OF BALLOT TITLE AND TEXT

“VOTE YES OR NO ON THE FOLLOWING”

“SHALL CITY OF STEAMBOAT SPRINGS TAXES BE INCREASED BY \$14,309,858 ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL CALENDAR YEAR, AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, BY IMPOSING A TAX ON SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AT A RATE OF NINE (9) PERCENT, AND SHALL THE INCREASED REVENUES BE DEDICATED FOR USE TO INCREASE THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING AT LOCATIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BROWN RANCH AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ENERGY, STORMWATER, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION, AND SHALL THE TAX EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2042 UNLESS THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION, AND MAY THE CITY ADJUST THE RATE OF TAX FROM TIME TO TIME SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED 9%, AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND SPEND THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?”

1. Yes _____
2. No _____

Section 2

The qualified and registered electors of the City shall be allowed to vote on the Ballot Issue.

Section 3

The election on the proposed Ballot Issue shall be held as part of a “coordinated election” as such term is defined in the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended, by mail ballot or at such polling places within the City as designated by the Clerk and Recorder of Routt County, Colorado.

Section 4

The election on the Ballot Issue shall be conducted by the judges and clerks who shall be designated by the County Clerk and Recorder of Routt County, Colorado.

Section 5

The provisions of registration of electors and for voting by absentee ballot on this Ballot Issue shall be in accordance with the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as currently amended.

Section 6

The votes at said election shall be registered on voting machines or paper ballots and the ballot label shall read similarly to the form of the Ballot Title and Text provided in Section 1 hereof.

Section 7

The election on the Ballot Issue of the proposed tax increase shall be held and conducted, and the votes cast on the Ballot Issue aforesaid shall be returned and canvassed, and the results declared in the same manner as provided by law for the return, canvass and declaration of the officers of the City.

Section 8

The Clerk and Recorder of Routt County, Colorado and the City Clerk of the City are hereby jointly charged with the duty of giving such notice containing such information as is required by law.

Section 9

This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication following final passage.

Section 10

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 portion of this Ordinance.

Section 11

That pursuant to Section 7-11 of the Charter of the City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the second publication of this ordinance may be by reference, utilizing the ordinance title.

Section 12

A public hearing on this ordinance shall be held on July 19, 2022, at any time after the meeting is called to order at approximately 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at Centennial Hall, at the corner of 10th Street and Oak Street, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Section 13

Subject to the approval of the voters as provided in this Ordinance, the City Council is authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate this Ordinance, including the title and text approved by the voters.

Section 14

Ordinance No. 2865 is repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED PUBLISHED, as provided by law, by the City Council of the City of Steamboat Springs, at its regular meeting held on the __ day of _____, 2022.

Robin Crossan, President
Steamboat Springs City Council

ATTEST:

Julie Franklin, CMC, City Clerk

FINALLY READ, PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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**WARNING:
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW:**

FOR ANYONE TO SIGN ANY INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM PETITION WITH ANY NAME OTHER THAN THEIR OWN OR TO KNOWINGLY SIGN THEIR NAME MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE SAME MEASURE OR TO KNOWINGLY SIGN A PETITION WHEN NOT A REGISTERED ELECTOR WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE MEASURE.

DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION UNLESS YOU ARE A REGISTERED ELECTOR AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THIS MEASURE. TO BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR YOU MUST BE A CITIZEN OF COLORADO AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION UNLESS YOU HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO YOU THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE OR REFERRED MEASURE OR THE SUMMARY IN ITS ENTIRETY AND UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING.

The ordinance that is the subject of this referendum petition is Ordinance No. 2869, Ordinance to submit to a vote for a 9% STR tax for 20 years.

Registered Elector's:

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