

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Measure C

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Shall the Sacramento County Vehicle Abatement Program and associated vehicle registration and renewal fees (\$1.00 dollar per vehicle and an additional \$2.00 dollars for certain commercial vehicles) be extended for a ten-year term under California Vehicle Code Sections 9250.7 and 22710, or any successor statutes thereto, for the purposes of removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles?

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

This analysis of the renewal of the abandoned vehicle abatement program fee, Measure C, is prepared and submitted in accordance with Elections Code Section 9160. This measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Sections 22710 and 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code authorize an Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (AVSA) to impose a service fee ("AVA Fee") of one dollar (\$1.00) on all vehicles at the time of registration or renewal of registration, except for those vehicles which are exempt from the payment of registration fees. The fee is charged at a rate of one dollar (\$1.00) for every vehicle registered to an owner with an address in the County, and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) on commercial vehicles weighing 10,001 pounds or more.

AVA Fees are approved for ten-year periods. The most recent AVA Fee authorization in Sacramento County expired during Spring, 2022. The authorization of the AVA fee granted by this Measure would end on June 30, 2032.

The AVA Fees are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and then dispersed to the Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA). The fees may only be used for the abatement, removal, and disposal of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, or vehicle parts located on public or private property within Sacramento County including the Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento. SAVSA anticipates annual fee revenue of \$1,200,000.

A YES vote would authorize the DMV to continue collecting the AVA Fee in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) for every vehicle registered in Sacramento County, and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for certain commercial vehicles registered in Sacramento County for a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of removal and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles.

A NO vote would mean that the DMV would not collect the AVA Fee.

The AVA Fee will be renewed only upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the registered voters voting on Measure C.

*****YOU CAN FIND THE MEASURE ARGUMENTS FOLLOWING THE FULL TEXT OF THIS MEASURE*****

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0131

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE SACRAMENTO
ABANDONED VEHICLE SERVICE AUTHORITY (SAVSA) VEHICLE
REGISTRATION PROGRAM FEE; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF
ELECTION AND ORDERING OF SUCH ELECTION; AND AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET, ALLOCATING \$50,007
TO THE SAVSA TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
PLACING THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA) was created in 1992, and its members include jurisdictions in Sacramento County performing abandoned vehicle abatement, and is overseen by the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA); and

WHEREAS, SAVSA oversees a financing mechanism resulting in the collection of one (\$1.00) dollar on each Sacramento County vehicle registration and an additional two (\$2.00) dollars for certain commercial vehicles through the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and provides reimbursement for abandoned vehicle abatement costs to participating agencies (“the SAVSA Fee”); and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento joined SAVSA in 1992 and currently receives approximately \$350,000.00 annually for the reimbursement of abandoned vehicle abatement costs; and

WHEREAS, the SAVSA Fee sunsets every ten (10) years, with the program set to expire on April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, extension of the SAVSA Fee requires the approval of 2/3 of the County Board of Supervisors and “a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the county.” (Cal. Vehicle Code, § 9250.7(g)); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by SAVSA that pursuant to California Proposition 26 the program cannot be renewed without a two-thirds majority approval by the County electorate, with Sacramento County’s share of the election costs being \$50,007; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento desires to support the extension of the SAVSA Fee and order the placement of the proposed Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Tax Measure included in the Attachment hereto and incorporated by reference herein on the June 2022 ballot authorizing the collection of the program fees on Sacramento County vehicle registrations, and in turn continue the SAVSA program providing reimbursement of abandoned vehicle abatement costs to participating agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Sacramento:

(1) Approves the extension of the SAVSA Fee pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 9250.7(g); and

(2) Orders the placement of the proposed Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Tax Measure text, as stated in the Attachment hereto and incorporated herein by reference, on the June, 2022 ballot to renew the Sacramento Abandoned Vehicle Service Authority (SAVSA) Vehicle Registration Program; and

(3) Hereby approves an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget for the allocation of \$50,007 to SAVSA to defray a portion of costs associated with placing the above-referenced tax measure on the 2022 ballot; specifically, the approval of this amendment increases expenditure appropriations in the Code Enforcement 5725729 budget unit within the General Fund by \$50,007.

On a motion by Supervisor Desmond, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento this 15th day of February, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Desmond, Frost, Kennedy, Serna, Nottoli
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSAL: None

*****NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C WAS FILED*****

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