

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

MARCH 7, 2017 COUNTYWIDE ELECTION UPDATE

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: City Clerk Elaine Doerfling
Date: January 24, 2017

An election will take place on March 7, 2017 in Hermosa Beach (and all other cities throughout Los Angeles County) to vote on Measure H, a County measure addressing the issue of homelessness. The Board of Supervisors, by a unanimous vote at its meeting of December 6, 2016, took two actions related to this issue:

- 1) Declared an emergency due to the homeless crisis, "...which currently endangers the health and safety of tens of thousands of (County) residents..." and "...threatens the economic stability of the region..." since "...current County resources are not sufficient to fund countywide...services..."; and
- 2) Called an election to be held March 7 for the purpose of submitting to the voters a proposed ordinance to levy a ¼ cent special sales tax for ten years to fund the services needed, which requires a two-thirds vote of the electorate for passage. (By law, an election for approval of a special tax may be held at any election date otherwise permitted by law – March 7 is the earliest available election date).

The City of Hermosa Beach will not incur any expense for the conduct of this election. The County will mail the official sample ballot booklet to each registered voter between January 26 and February 14, and will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballot on February 6. The last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, February 21. We will have designated polling places (as usual) on Election Day for those who prefer voting in person – those polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Also, as a service to our vote-by-mail voters who prefer to “drop off” their ballots rather than mail them to the County, my office will again be a “vote-by-mail ballot drop-off location” as was done for November’s presidential election. The official locked ballot box will be available at City Hall in Room 203 only during the City’s regular office hours (7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Thursday) starting Monday, February 6, through Monday, March 6. On Election Day, vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed to the County or may be dropped off at any designated polling place. Information will be posted on our webpage and throughout City Hall.

For general election information, visit the County’s website at www.lavote.net
For information on the Board of Supervisor’s actions, visit www.bos.lacounty.gov