

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2017 TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT; ESTABLISHING AN ALL-MAIL BALLOTING PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION; ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE DATE FOR RECEIPT OF WRITTEN ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE MEASURE; AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH ANY AND ALL ALL-MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN THE SAME TERRITORY ON THAT SAME DATE.

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District was formed for the purposes of operating a hospital, maintaining availability of emergency services, and providing services to help promote the health of the residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District's income from all sources, including current taxes and fees generated from patient care services, is grossly inadequate for operating and maintaining Mountains Community Hospital; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the District have expressed a strong desire to keep the Hospital open and operating; and

WHEREAS, sufficient revenue cannot be raised through fees generated from patient care services because of the need to provide services to indigent patients, cutbacks from third party payors (including Medicare, Medi-Cal, insurance plans, health maintenance organizations, and similar payors), and other reasons; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Sections 53720-53730.02, on November 7, 1989, the District voters approved the imposition of a special tax in San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District by an affirmative vote of more than two-thirds of the voters within the District voting upon a measure to authorize the special tax; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors finds that the proposed special tax is necessary in order to keep the Hospital open; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, on November 7, 1989, the District voters established an annual appropriations limit of \$3,000,000.00 for a period of four (4) years and have re-authorized that appropriations limit in successive elections thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the District’s appropriations limit must be set at a level that would permit the District to expend sufficient tax revenues to operate and maintain the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Board of Directors to conduct an election on May 2, 2017 for the purpose of setting an appropriations limit for the District, to establish an all-mail ballot procedure for the election, to request consolidation with any and all other all-mail ballot elections to be held in the same territory on that same date, and to assist the County of San Bernardino in every way possible to assure consolidation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District as follows:

- 1. An election shall be conducted within San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District on May 2, 2017, to submit to the voters a measure establishing an appropriations limit for the District.**
- 2. Measure “ _____ ” to be submitted to the voters shall be as follows:**

Measure “ _____ ” In order to continue the current level of tax support, shall an appropriations limit, as defined by Subdivision (h) of Section 8 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution, be continued for San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District, County of San Bernardino, State of California, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00?	YES	
	NO	

3. **Measure “_____” shall go into effect only if approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting in an election to be held on May 2, 2017, and shall become effective ten (10) days after the Board has, by Resolution, declared that such Measure was approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon.**
4. **The deadline date of February 16, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. is hereby established for receipt of written arguments for or against the Measure. The deadline date of February 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. is hereby established for the receipt of rebuttal arguments. Written arguments and rebuttals may be submitted by members of this Board of Directors, any voter or bona fide association of voters within the District, or any combination thereof. Written arguments shall not exceed 300 words in length, and rebuttals shall not exceed 250 words in length. Such arguments and rebuttals shall be filed with the *Registrar of Voters at 777 East Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415*. Arguments for and against must be accompanied by Statement Form 9600. *For information, call: City of San Bernardino Elections office of Registrar of Voters, Campaign Relations Manager, Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300 or communications@sbcountyelections.com***
5. **The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) is hereby requested to order and that the election on this Measure be conducted as an all-mail ballot election, which is hereby authorized by the Board in accordance with Section 4108 of the California Election Code. The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to take all steps necessary to call and hold such all-mail ballot election and that the County Registrar of Voters conduct the election for the District.**
6. **The Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to consolidate the all-mail ballot election with any and all all-mail ballot elections in the same territory to be conducted on May 2, 2017.**

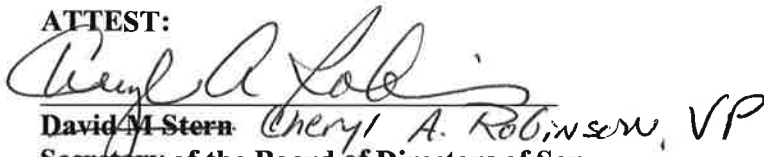
7. The District shall reimburse the County of San Bernardino for services rendered in connection with the election upon presentation to the District of a properly approved bill. The District shall further assist the County of San Bernardino, as needed, to prepare for and conduct the consolidated election with the District.
8. The election will be held and conducted, election officers appointed, ballots printed and mailed to voters, ballots counted and returned, returns canvassed, results declared, certificates of election issued and all of the proceedings incidental to and connected with the election shall be regulated and done in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the election with which the District election is consolidated.
9. The Secretary of this Board of Directors is hereby instructed to file certified copies of this Resolution with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County and with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017. The Secretary shall also cause this Resolution to be published in the Mountain News, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the District. The Secretary and the District's legal counsel are authorized and instructed to take such further action as may be necessary in preparing for and conducting the consolidated election.

ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2017.



Keith Burkart, O.D.
President of the Board of Directors of
San Bernardino Mountains
Community Hospital District

ATTEST:



Cheryl A. Robinson, VP
Secretary of the Board of Directors of San
Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District

CERTIFICATION

**I, David M Stern, Secretary of the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Mountains
Community Hospital District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the
Resolution 2017-05 adopted by the Board of Directors of the District at the Board Meeting held on
January 19, 2017, by the following vote:**

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0



~~David M Stern~~ Cheryl A. Robinson, VP
**Secretary of the Board of Directors of San
Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District**