

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R__

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
4 CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY
5 COUNCIL OR CERTAIN COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SUBMIT
6 ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE TO INCREASE
7 THE RATE OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (HOTEL
8 TAX) TO THE RATE OF 16%.

9 WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election (the "Election") is to be held in the
10 City of Culver City on November 3, 2026, at which time there will be submitted to the voters
11 of the City the following question (the "Measure"):

12 Measure _____

13 YES _____

14 Shall an ordinance to maintain Culver City 911 emergency response/
15 firefighter/ paramedic/ police staffing; affordable housing/ mental
16 health/ homeless reduction programs; improve streets, roads,
17 sidewalks, public transportation, storm drains, infrastructure, parks and
18 provide other general fund services by raising Culver City's transient
19 occupancy tax paid by hotel/ motel guests from 14% to 16%, generating
20 approximately \$2,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring
21 annual audits, public spending disclosures, with all funds used locally,
22 be adopted?

23 NO _____

24 WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9282(b) provides that "[f]or
25 measures placed on the ballot by the legislative body, the legislative body, or a member or
26 members of the legislative body authorized by that body, or an individual voter who is
27 eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or a combination of
28 voters and associations, may file a written argument for or against any city measure;" and

1 WHEREAS, California Elections Code Section 9282(c) provides that written
2 arguments for or against a ballot measure shall not exceed 300 words in length; and

3 WHEREAS, if the City Council desires to have a written argument prepared in
4 favor of or against the proposed ordinance to be submitted to the voters, the City Council
5 may authorize Council Members to prepare the argument on behalf of City Council; and

6 WHEREAS, City Council may authorize said Council Members to prepare an
7 argument to be brought back to City Council for approval, or, in the alternative, authorize
8 Council Members to submit the written argument to the Elections Official by the filing
9 deadline.
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,
12 DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

13 SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes Council Members
14 _____ and _____ to prepare a written argument for or
15 against the Measure hereinabove and as set forth in its entirety in Exhibit A, attached
16 hereto, for approval by the entire City Council; or, if City Council so desires, to have the
17 authorized Council Members directly submit the ballot argument to the Elections Official by
18 the filing deadline.
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20 SECTION 2. In accordance with Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the
21 Elections Code of the State of California, changes to the arguments may be made until and
22 including the date fixed by the Elections Official after which no arguments for or against the
23 Measures may be submitted to the Elections Official, which for the November 3, 2026
24 Election shall be August 14, 2026. The arguments shall be filed with the Elections Official,
25 signed, with the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting the written
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1 arguments. The arguments shall be accompanied by the Form of Statement to Be Filed by
2 Author(s) of Argument.

3 SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this
4 resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

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6 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2026.
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FREDDY PUZA, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

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12 ATTEST:

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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JEREMY BOCCHINO, City Clerk

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HEATHER BAKER, City Attorney

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SECTION 3. *Amendment or Repeal.* Section 11.02.105 of the Culver City Municipal Code may be repealed or amended by the City Council without a vote of the people. However, as required by Article XIII C of the California Constitution, voter approval is required for any amendment provision that would increase the rate of any tax levied pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. *Severability.* If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The people hereby declare that they would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 5. *Execution.* The Mayor is hereby authorized to attest to the adoption of this Ordinance by the voters of the City by signing where indicated below.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the people of the City of Culver City voting on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

FREDDY PUZA, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JEREMY BOCCHINO, City Clerk

HEATHER BAKER, City Attorney