

**MEASURE C
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 1967**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS G-V 7.3, G-V 7.16, AND G-V 7.17 OF CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 7 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA PERTAINING TO CONTINUATION OF THE LIBRARY SALES TAX

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

Section G-V 7.3 of Chapter V, Article 7 of the General Code of the County of Nevada is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. G-V 7.3 Expenditure Plan

The expenditure plan is designed to continue to improve library services by accomplishing the specific projects listed below with the revenues from the transactions and use tax generated over the voter-approved period. The expenditure plan preserves the existing libraries, enhances services and collections at the libraries, and extends branch library services to the served and unserved areas of the County. An annual expenditure plan for the use of funds allocated to library services shall be reviewed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors prior to July 1 of each year.

The specific projects for which the revenues from the transactions and use tax shall be expended are contingent upon total revenue received and allocated as follows:

- A. **INCREASED HOURS:** Extend hours on weeknights and weekends, minimum of six (6) days of service for at least 56 hours per week each at the Grass Valley, Nevada County Madelyn Helling and Truckee Libraries, one (1) additional day of service per week at the Local History Library on Pine Street in Nevada City, and two additional days at the library stations at Bear River and Penn Valley. Additional hours will be investigated as the community's needs increase.
- B. **INCREASED CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULTS' SERVICES:** Provide summer reading, after school programs, and reference help for students' homework at the Grass Valley, Nevada County Madelyn Helling, and Truckee Libraries, the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research on Pine Street in Nevada City, and the library stations at Bear River and Penn Valley.
- C. **INCREASED BOOKS:** Increase the books and materials for all ages, including increased reference materials for students and adults at the Grass Valley, Nevada County Madelyn Helling, and Truckee Libraries, the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research on Pine Street in Nevada City, and the library stations at Bear River and Penn Valley.
- D. **INCREASED ADULT SERVICES:** Create job and career-enhancement centers, adult literacy programs, and increase large print books at the Grass Valley, Nevada County Madelyn Helling, and Truckee Libraries, the Doris Foley Library for Historical Research on Pine Street in Nevada City, and the library stations at Bear River and Penn Valley.
- E. **INCREASED STAFF:** Hire up to five (5) staff, increase services and assign an adult and a children's/young adult librarian each at the Grass Valley, Nevada County Madelyn Helling and Truckee Libraries. Investigate adding staff as service needs increase.
- F. **INCREASED INFORMATION ACCESS:** Provide County-wide public access to library catalogs and electronic information at all libraries and also via the Internet from schools, homes or offices.
- G. **INCREASED LIBRARY SERVICE POINTS:** Establish library services in locations where the demand for services and cost effectiveness is warranted.
- H. **CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:** A Citizens Oversight Committee will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors consisting of members of the public interested in the continued operation of the public libraries. The purpose of the Committee will be to ensure that the proceeds of the library sales tax are appropriated in accordance with the Expenditure Plan set forth in this Section. Such Committee shall serve without compensation.
- I. The County Librarian will meet with representatives of the County's Friends of the Library organizations to develop and propose an equitable fiscal plan for the operation of the libraries and the proceeds of the tax.

SECTION II:

Section G-V 7.16 of Chapter V, Article 7 of the General Code of the County of Nevada is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. G-V 7.16 Effective and Operative Dates

- A. This Article shall take effect as provided by law. This Article shall take effect according to law only if at least two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure at the June 2, 1998 election approve the enactment of the Article. If approved, the provisions of this Article authorizing the levy of the one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125%) transactions and use tax will become operative on October 1, 1998.
- B. The amendment to this Article shall take effect as provided by law. The amendment to this Article shall take effect according to law only if at least two-thirds of the electors voting on the measure at the November 5, 2002 election approve the amendment to Section G-V 7.17. If approved, the amendment of this Article authorizing the continuation of the one-eighth of 1 percent (0.125%) transactions and use tax through September 30, 2018 shall become effective immediately.

SECTION III:

Section G-V 7.17 of Chapter V, Article 7 of the General Code of the County of Nevada is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. G-V 7.17 Termination Date

This Article shall terminate on September 30, 2018.

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

An Ordinance Continuing the Retail Transaction and Use Tax for County-Wide Library Programs and Operations

Background:

Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7286.59 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to place a measure before the voters to impose a one-eighth of one percent retail transactions and use tax with revenues generated therefrom to be used exclusively for funding public library programs and operations. Pursuant to the requirements of Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7286.59, the revenue generated by the transactions and use tax may be used only to supplement the existing general fund expenditures for public libraries.

In 1998 the voters approved an ordinance which authorized the Board of Supervisors to impose a one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) retail transactions and use tax in Nevada County for a period of five years. The five-year period is set to expire on September 30, 2003.

Measure C:

If adopted, this measure will continue the imposition of a one-eighth of one percent (0.125%) retail transactions and use tax in Nevada County for a period of fifteen years. If adopted the retail transactions and use tax will expire on September 30, 2018. Revenues generated from the retail transaction and use tax will only be expended for those purposes identified in the Expenditure Plan which is more fully set forth in the Board of Supervisors' ordinance. These purposes include, but are not limited to: increased hours of library operations, increased children's and young adult services, increased purchases of books, increased information access, and the continuation of a Citizen's Oversight Committee whose mission it will be to ensure that the proceeds of the retail transactions and use tax are appropriated in accordance with the Expenditure Plan. The provisions of the Expenditure Plan will be implemented at the Grass Valley, Nevada City, Madelyn Helling and Truckee libraries, as well as the Pine Street, Bear River and Penn Valley library stations.

If this measure is adopted, the County of Nevada will continue to contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and collection of the transactions and use tax consistent with the provisions of State law.

Requirement for Adoption:

A "yes" vote on this measure means that the voter is in favor of continuing the one-eighth of one percent retail transactions and use tax until September 30, 2018. A "no" vote on this measure means that the

voter is not in favor of continuing the retail transactions and use tax beyond the September 30, 2003 expiration date.

This measure shall be adopted if approved by a two-thirds vote of those voting on the measure and no further legislative action shall be required by the Board of Supervisors in order to make this measure effective. By ordinance, if approved, this measure shall become effective November 6, 2002.

Dated: August 15, 2002
Charles J. McKee, County Counsel

The complete text of Nevada County Board of Supervisors Ordinance 1967, Resolution 02-413, and Amended Resolution 02-456 are available free of charge by telephoning the Nevada County Elections Office at (530) 265-1298 or toll-free from Lake of the Pines and Truckee within Nevada County at 1-888-395-1298.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FISCAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

The fiscal impact of Measure C is as follows:

On June 2, 1998 the voters of Nevada County approved a 1/8th cent library sales tax. In the last four years it has generated 4.5 million dollars in library revenue. It generates on average 1.25 million dollars per year subject to the fluctuations of the local economy and accounts for over half of the library system funding.

A yes vote for Measure C will continue the 1/8th cent sales tax for the next fifteen years.

A no vote would discontinue the library sales tax.

Dated: August 20, 2002
Bruce A. Bielefeldt, Nevada County Auditor-Controller

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

In 1998, Nevada County voters overwhelmingly passed a five-year 1/8th of a cent sales tax increase to improve library services. We ask that you vote Yes on C to continue that tax as the promise to the voters has been kept --

1. Total library hours of operation have increased the past 5 years from 85 hours per week to 260 hours-week.
2. All branches have added scores of new programs for young children, their parents and teens.
3. The annual book and periodical budget has increased tenfold the past five years from \$33,000 to \$321,000 per year.
4. Two new branch libraries have opened to serve the south county at Bear River High School and Penn Valley at the Lake Wildwood Shopping Center.
5. The Truckee library building is presently undergoing expansion for its children's collection.
6. Library staff to serve the public has increased the past five years from 17 to 58.

Library patrons agree that they too love the "new" library system:

"I enjoy the children's section as much as they do."

Jan Kovach, grandmother to Katie and Emily

"The library has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. It has a really great teen section."

Noah Whitney, high school student

"The Truckee library is one of our lifelines to the world."

Dodi & Harmon Wildermuth, senior citizens

"The library has been of great service to me in answering a variety of reference questions over the telephone when I've needed information."

Carolyn Dobbs, senior citizen

"The children's department provided me with current materials on writing and using the Internet which has helped me immensely in teaching research skills."

Peggy McQuerry, English Teacher

We ask you to continue your support for our fine library system. Please vote Yes on C.

Elaine Channel, President, Nevada County Friends of the Library

Ruth Hall, President, Friends of Truckee Library

Madelyn Helling, Retired, Nevada County Librarian

Terence K. McAteer, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

Mary Ann Trygg, Nevada County Librarian

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C

No Argument was submitted