



AGENDA

Consolidated Special Meeting

City Council Chamber - 1243 National City
Boulevard, National City, CA

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Gracias por participar en las reuniones del gobierno local y del Consejo de la Ciudad de National City.

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AGENDA

Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

In accordance with State law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the City Council will not be able to discuss or take action on any issue not included on the agenda. Speakers will have up to three (3) minutes.

5. STAFF REPORT

- 5.1. Discussion of Election Code Section 9212 Report on Initiative Measure to Establish a Special Parcel Tax in National City for Streets and Parks and Accept Certification of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition

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Recommendation:

Accept and file the report, and direct staff to take the appropriate steps to submit the initiative for voter consideration at the next regular municipal election, which is scheduled to occur in November 2024, and adopt resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the Certification of the San Diego County Registrar of Voters as to the Sufficiency of the Initiative Petition entitled "National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks."

6. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City - Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers - National City, California.



AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Manager's Office
Prepared by: Alex Mendivil, Management Analyst II
Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 30, 2022
Approved by: Brad Raulston, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Discussion of Election Code Section 9212 Report on Initiative Measure to Establish a Special Parcel Tax in National City for Streets and Parks and Accept Certification of Sufficiency of Initiative Petition

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept and file the report, and direct staff to take the appropriate steps to submit the initiative for voter consideration at the next regular municipal election, which is scheduled to occur in November 2024, and adopt resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the Certification of the San Diego County Registrar of Voters as to the Sufficiency of the Initiative Petition entitled "National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

On August 2, 2022, an Initiative Measure to amend entitled "National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks", having been certified by the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters as having the necessary number of qualifying signatures, was presented to the City Council for action. At that time, the City Council had three options: 1) Adopt the Ordinance (Initiative Measure), without alteration, at the regular meeting in which the certification of the petition is presented, or within (10) days after it is presented; 2) Submit the ordinance (Initiative Measure), without alteration, to the voters; or 3) Order a report pursuant to Election Code Section 9212 at a regular meeting at which the certification to the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the legislative body, the legislative body shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election. If option 3 is selected, the report must be presented to the legislative body within 30 days after the elections officer certifies to the legislative body the sufficiency of the petition (Elections Code, Section 9212).

On August 2, 2022, the City Council selected option 3 and directed staff to prepare a report as outlined in Elections Code 9212. The Election Code 9212 report responds to that direction.

The focus of this report is on its fiscal impact, especially with respect to the funding for certain elements of the City's infrastructure. The Initiative Measure is not anticipated to have any significant impacts on the development of new housing or the City's ability to attract and retain businesses.

After consideration of the 9212 Report, the Council must submit the initiative for consideration at the next regular municipal election, which is scheduled to occur in November of 2024. Staff should

be directed to prepare the necessary resolutions for adoption and submittal to the County Registrar of Voters no later than 88 days prior to the November 2024 election.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

See attached Election 9212 Report

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Election Code 9212 Report

Exhibit B – Citizen Initiative Measure – Copy Not For Use

Exhibit C – Resolution Certifying Sufficiency

Exhibit D – ROV Certification Letter

Election Code Section 9212

REPORT ON INITIATIVE MEASURE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX IN
NATIONAL CITY FOR STREETS AND PARKS

August 30, 2022



Introduction

On August 2, 2022, an Initiative Measure to amend the National City Municipal Code entitled “National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks,” having been certified by the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters as having the necessary number of qualifying signatures, was presented to the City Council for action. At that time, the City Council had three options: 1) Adopt the Ordinance (Initiative Measure), without alteration, at the regular meeting in which the certification of the petition is presented, or within (10) days after it is presented; 2) Submit the ordinance (Initiative Measure), without alteration, to the voters; or 3) Order a report pursuant to Election Code Section 9212 at a regular meeting at which the certification to the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the legislative body, the legislative body shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days or order an election. If option 3 is selected, the report must be presented to the legislative body within 30 days after the elections officer certifies to the legislative body the sufficiency of the petition (Elections Code, Section 9212).

On August 2, 2022, the City Council selected option 3 and directed staff to prepare a report as outlined in Elections Code 9212. This report responds to that direction.

Background

On Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Initiative proponents filed a Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition to have an initiative measure entitled: “National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks.” (“Initiative Measure”) placed on the ballot in an upcoming election. On Tuesday June 7, 2022, Proponents Barbara Avalos, Ken Seaton-Msemaji, and Jose Rodriguez submitted to the Deputy City Clerk signatures for examination pertaining to the initiative.

On Thursday July 21, 2022, the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters certified the measure to have the amount of qualified signatures necessary to be placed on the ballot for a vote of the residents.

On August 2, 2022 the Initiative Measure was presented to the City Council. The Elections Code Section 9215 offered three options for the City Council to consider when a citizen’s initiative petition has been certified as sufficient.

Option 1:

Adopt the Ordinance, without alteration at the Regular Meeting in which the certification of the petition is presented, or within (10) days after it is presented.

While this generally is an option for citizens’ initiative, there is no ordinance to adopt in this case because the Initiative Measure proposes a tax and State law requires voter-approval for taxes. Consistent with such limitations, the initiative measure did not propose that the Council adopt the tax itself but rather proposes submission of a tax and corresponding revisions to the Municipal Code to the voters. Accordingly, option 1 was not available.

Option 2:

Submit the Initiative Measure, without alteration, to the voters. This action would consist of the City Council adopting Resolutions to place the item on the ballot for the voters of National City to decide.

Option 3:

Order a report pursuant to Election Code Section 9212 at a regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented. When the report is presented to the legislative body, the legislative body shall either adopt the ordinance within 10 days (not available due to this being a tax measure) or order an election.

City Council Direction

On August 2, 2022 the City Council chose option 3. The City Council ordered a report pursuant to Election Code Section 9212 and directed staff to address the impact the passage of the Initiative Measure would have with respect to the eight categories enumerated in paragraphs (1) through (8) of Election Code Section 9212:

- (1) Fiscal impact.
- (2) Effect on the internal consistency of the city’s general and specific plans, including the housing element, the consistency between planning and zoning, and the limitations on city actions under Section 65008 of the Government Code and Chapters 4.2 (commencing with Section 65913) and 4.3 (commencing with Section 65915) of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.
- (3) Effect on the use of land, the impact on the availability and location of housing, and the ability of the city to meet its regional housing needs.
- (4) Impact on funding for infrastructure of all types, including, but not limited to, transportation, schools, parks, and open space. The report may also discuss whether the measure would be likely to result in increased infrastructure costs or savings, including the costs of infrastructure maintenance, to current residents and businesses.
- (5) Impact on the community’s ability to attract and retain business and employment.
- (6) Impact on the uses of vacant parcels of land.
- (7) Impact on agricultural lands, open space, traffic congestion, existing business districts, and developed areas designated for revitalization.
- (8) Any other matters the legislative body requests to be in the report.

Further, the City Council directed that the report specifically look at the actual amount of money the parcel tax would raise, how much would be raised by Council district, the impact the tax would have on new housing as well as the benefit from it, and the bonding capacity that the tax would provide.

Initiative Summary

The Initiative Measure would supplement the City’s existing expenditures by imposing a parcel tax on property owners within the City of National City. A “parcel” is an area of land delineated on a map by the County for the sole purpose of collecting taxes on property.

The rate of taxation is based on the character of the property:

- Single-Family residential parcels - \$75.00;
- Multifamily residential parcels - \$99.00-\$500.00;
- Mobile home parcels - \$52.00;
- Commercial parcels - \$365.00;
- Industrial parcels - \$365.00;
- Agriculture parcels - \$52.00;
- Unimproved Residential or commercial parcels - \$1,000.00; or
- Miscellaneous parcel - \$150.00.

Upon the submission of the required documentation, the following types of properties would be exempt from the parcel tax:

- Private, parochial, or special schools;
- Qualifying senior citizens;
- Affordable housing projects (partial exemption);
- Religious institutions;
- Government institutions;
- Common areas, as defined;
- Non-profit organizations; and
- Any other organization or parcel that is exempt from taxation by law

If passed, the City would be limited to spending parcel tax funds in the following manner:

- At least 50% of the funds would be used on street and sidewalk repairs, street lighting and pedestrian safety improvements and alleyway improvements
- At least 20% of the funds would be used on the improvement, maintenance, and programming at existing parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots
- At least 15% of the funds would be used on construction, development, and programming of new parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots
- No more than 15% of the funds may be used to reimburse the City for collecting the parcel tax enforcing and administering initiative measure.

The Initiative Measure proposes the creation of a five-member advisory Citizen Oversight Committee (“Committee”) to ensure funds are spent consistent with the initiative measure. Committee members would be appointed by the City Council and would consist of residents subject to the parcel tax. The committee may not include City employees or elected or appointed officials. The Committee would report annually to the City Council on how the parcel tax funds were spent. The City Manager would provide administrative support to the Committee as well as quarterly status reports to the Committee on the projects funded by the proceeds of the tax.

The City Treasurer would prepare an annual report detailing the funds collected and expended and the status of projects or programs funded by the parcel tax. The annual report would be filed with the City Council, posted on the City’s website, and provided to the Committee. The City Treasurer would also cause the performance of an annual independent audit of the special parcel tax fund.

Impacts and Effects of the Measure

EC Section 9212 (1): If approved by the voters, the special parcel tax would have a fiscal impact in that it would provide additional funding for streets, alleyways, lighting and parks, as well as for the additional costs to administer the tax and perform the reporting requirements. Estimates of the fiscal impact are discussed below under the heading “Fiscal Impact.”

EC Section 9212 (2): there would be no anticipated effects on the internal consistency of the City’s General Plan, specific plans or housing element, consistency between planning and zoning, nor the limitations on city actions under Section 65008 of the Government Code and Chapters 4.2 (commencing with Section 65913) and 4.3 (commencing with Section 65915) of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.

EC Section 9212 (3): The proposed parcel tax is not expected to impact the use of land except in the event of the creation of new parks. It is not anticipated to impact the supply of new housing or the City’s ability to meet its regional housing needs.

EC Section 9212 (4): The funding from the proposed parcel tax would result in additional funding for parks and transportation infrastructure throughout the City. The impact of the funding is discussed in the “Fiscal Impact” section below.

EC Section 9212 (5): Approval of the measure is not anticipated to impact the community’s ability to attract and retain business and employment.

EC Section 9212 (6): Approval of the measure is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the uses of vacant parcels of land.

EC Section 9212 (7): Approval of the measure is not anticipated to have a significant impact on agricultural lands or open space.

EC Section 9212 (8): Under other matters, the City Council directed that the report specifically look at the actual amount of money the parcel tax would raise, how much would be raised by Council district, the impact the tax would have on new housing as well as the benefit from it, and the bonding capacity that the tax would provide. The impact on new housing is addressed above in the paragraph that discusses EC Section 9212 (3). The remaining topics are addressed in the “Fiscal Impact” section below.

Fiscal Impact

As noted above, the special parcel tax would have a fiscal impact in that it would provide additional funding for streets, alleyways, lighting and parks, as well as for the additional costs to administer the tax and perform the reporting requirements. The remainder of this report discusses the estimated amount of revenue the measure would raise, how much would be allocated to each of the uses outlined in the measure, and looks at possible scenarios for funding improvements via both “pay-as-you-go” and bonding funding mechanisms. It also describes the administrative activities expected to be required to support the measure.

Potential Tax Revenue from Initiative Measure

Based on the “2022 Inventory of Parcel Values - City of National City” provided by the County of San Diego, we are able to estimate that the yearly potential tax revenue from the Initiative Measure to be at most \$1,555,810.00 as seen in Figure A. The analysis does not take into account listed exemptions provide by the initiative as follows:

- Private, parochial, or special schools;
- Qualifying senior citizens;
- Affordable housing projects (partial exemption);
- Religious institutions;
- Government institutions;
- Common areas, as defined;
- Non-profit organizations; and
- Any other organization or parcel that is exempt from taxation by law

There is currently no available data that ties the ownership of the parcels to the exemptions provided for in the Initiative Measure. Until qualifying institutions, organizations, or individuals apply for an exemption pursuant to the provisions of the Initiative Measure, any attempts to quantify a final amount would be speculative at best. For that reason, the basis for the revenue and expenditure estimates provided in this report will be the \$1.56 million. The amount generated may be more or less over time as changes in land uses, number of housing units, or ownership and occupancy occur. This inventory is for the City as a whole, and within the time frame available to prepare this report, cannot be provided by City Council district.

Figure A

Category	Ordinance	Count	Rate	Extended
Residential - 16+ Units	Multiple Residential - 16+ Units	77	\$ 500.00	\$ 38,500
Residential - 2-4 Units	Multiple Residential - 2-4 Units	1,229	\$ 150.00	\$ 184,350
Residential - 5-15 Units	Multiple Residential - 5-15 Units	185	\$ 425.00	\$ 78,625
Residential - Mobile Homes	Mobile Home Unit Parcels	-	\$ 52.00	\$ -
Residential - Other	Miscellaneous Parcels	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300
Residential - Single-Fam Attchd.	Condominium Unit Parcels	1,286	\$ 99.00	\$ 127,314
Residential - Single-Fam Detchd.	Single Family Residential Parcels	5,420	\$ 75.00	\$ 406,500
Residential - Unimproved	Unimproved Residential Parcels	168	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 168,000
Commercial	Commercial Parcels	586	\$ 365.00	\$ 213,890
Commercial - Unimproved	Unimproved Commercial Parcels	195	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 195,000
Industrial	Industrial Parcels	267	\$ 365.00	\$ 97,455
Institutional	Miscellaneous Parcels	16	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,400
Recreational	Miscellaneous Parcels	31	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,650
Unknown (pi)	Miscellaneous Parcels	71	\$ 150.00	\$ 10,650
Utilities	Miscellaneous Parcels	2	\$ 150.00	\$ 300
Vacant	Miscellaneous Parcels	86	\$ 150.00	\$ 12,900
Govt. Owned	Exempt	-	\$ -	\$ -
Non-taxable	Exempt	266	\$ -	\$ -
Zero-Value Exempt	Exempt	159	\$ -	\$ -
			Avg. Rate	
TAXABLE TOTAL		9,909	\$ 157.01	\$ 1,555,810

Note: There is no reduction in revenue for potential exemptions other than those parcels identified as exempt. As a result, the projections should be considered as the maximum revenue.

The Distribution of Funds Based on the Initiative Measure

The initiative measure prescribes how revenue from the parcel tax is to be used. Figure B shows the amount of money that would be available by category annually assuming total annual proceeds of \$1.56 million.

Figure B

Category	Description	\$ Projected Amount	Explanation
1	Streets and Alleyways	\$777,905.00	Streets and Sidewalk repairs, street lighting and pedestrian safety improvements, and alleyway improvements (50%)
2	Existing Parks	\$311,162.00	Improvement, maintenance, and programming at existing parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots (20%)
3	New Parks	\$233,371.50	Construction, development, and programming of new parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots (15%)
4	Administrative Costs	\$233,371.50	Reimburse the City for collecting the parcel tax and enforcing and administering the initiative measure. (15%)

The Different Avenues of Financing with the Initiative Measure’s Parcel Tax

Two different options of financing were identified while conducting the analysis of the initiative measure. There is a “pay-as-you-go” model, which would finance the streets, parks and administrative cost on a yearly basis as the tax revenue is collected, and the “bonding option,” which would give the City more money up front for capital improvements.

The “Pay-As-You-Go” Option

The main advantages of pay-as-you-go financing (relative to the bonding option) are as follows:

- Reduced interest expense. The savings in interest costs payable on outstanding debt can be used to finance additional capital projects under the tax or expand services.
- Increased flexibility. The absence of fixed annual debt costs provides for greater flexibility during economic downturns. Future revenues are not designated for debt service and can be used for other purposes such as saving up for future street and park projects.
- Enhanced debt capacity and credit rating. If an agency has low or zero outstanding current debt, it may find that future ability to borrow for “greater” capital needs is enhanced. If the City borrows now, it may not be able to borrow as much in the future. High current debt burdens may lower credit ratings and raise the cost of future borrowing.
- Increased fiscal responsibility. The likelihood of incurring excessive debt is reduced. Decision makers are forced to consider the impact of major capital expenditures on the

operating budget.

The main disadvantages of pay-as-you-go financing (relative to bonding option) are as follows:

- Insufficient funds. Current revenues are not likely to be sufficient to pay for projects requiring significant lump sum capital outlays.
- Higher cost of construction if inflation raises costs at a rate higher than the interest cost of borrowing.
- Intergenerational inequity. Those who benefit in the future from a capital facility do not contribute to the cost of the facility.
- Uneven funding requirements. Unlike debt service payments, the funds necessary for capital projects may be greatly inconsistent from year to year.
- Waiting for normal cash flow to fund projects will necessarily delay the enjoyment of benefits that could be accelerated if borrowing facilitates earlier construction.

The Bonding Option

The main advantages of the bonding option (relative to pay-as-you-go) are as follows:

- Acquisition as needed. The City can enjoy prompt use and benefit of capital improvements.
- Immediate or rapid construction is limited with pay-as-you-go financing.
- Intergenerational equity. The cost of capital expenditures is spread more equally over all of its users.
- Repayment in cheaper dollars. With a positive inflation rate, repayment costs will be less burdensome than would full payment at the time of acquisition.
- Enhanced Stability. Since debt service payments are known and predictable, wide fluctuations in required expenditures are avoided.
- Reduced operating cost as older, high-maintenance roadways are more quickly replaced by newer, low-maintenance roadways.

The main disadvantages of bonding (relative to pay-as-you-go) are as follows:

- Interest costs. The cost for the use of money must be added to the total cost of the capital project.
- Encumbered future revenues. Potential revenues are dedicated to the repayment of debt and are thus not available for other uses.
- The temptation to take on too much debt.

Assuming a set aside of 20% of the park portion of the tax for yearly park maintenance and programming, the bonding capacity is as shown in Figure C.

Figure C

National City - Bonding Capacity Analysis			
<i>Streets Bond Annual D/S Constraint from Parcel Tax:</i>	\$777,905		
<i>Parks Bond Annual D/S Constraint from Parcel Tax:</i>	\$441,072*		
	<u>10-Year</u>	<u>20-Year</u>	<u>30-Year</u>
Streets Bond Par Amount:	\$6,615,000	\$10,545,000	\$11,925,000
Parks Bond Par Amount:	\$3,735,000	\$5,965,000	\$6,735,000

**Reflects 20% of the annual park share proceeds for maintenance and programming*

How Initiative Measure Funds Could Be Spent in the Categories Provided

The tables below present possible scenarios for the use of the revenues that would be received from the parcel tax from both the pay-as-you-go and bonding approaches. There are a few assumptions that are made in the following allocation of funds within their respective categories. The amounts shown assume the availability of \$1.56 million annually from the parcel tax. It's possible that once known, the value of the exemptions could impact final decisions on the distribution of the funds.

We also do not take into account any grants or special funding the City might receive towards the construction of streets, alleyways and parks. The focus of the report is solely on the fixed amounts provided by the parcel tax. All amounts shown are based on 2022 dollar values and do not account for potential inflation.

Category 1 – Streets & Alleyways

Under the tax initiative, and under City Council direction, 50% of the tax would go to improve streets and alleys to the target Pavement Condition Index (PCI) starting with the unpaved alleys, then augmenting the existing pavement, sidewalk, street lights and pedestrian safety improvement programs as possible.

The yearly dollar projection from the tax initiative under this category is \$777,905.

Alternative A (Pay as you Go)

Under City Council direction, improve and maintain streets and alleys to the target Pavement Condition Index (PCI). The City would develop an unpaved alleys program and augment existing pavement, sidewalk, street lights and pedestrian safety improvement programs as possible. Proposed allocations are as follows:

Item	Description	Investment/Yr	Improvement
1	Unpaved Alleys (30%)	\$233,371	Under City Council direction, prioritize existing unpaved alleys. (Assume \$300,000 per alley)
2	Pavement Management Program (30%)	\$233,371	Augment the \$2,000,000 yearly investment by the City by helping achieve the \$3,000,000 target yearly investment to maintain a PCI in the 70's
3	Sidewalk/Pedestrian Ramps/Pedestrian Safety transition program (20%)	\$155,581	Augment the City's yearly investment by helping achieve the \$900,000 target yearly investment to complete the transition in 10 years
4	Street lights (20%)	\$155,581	This amount will augment the City's yearly investment by helping achieve the \$200,000 target yearly investment to complete the purchase and transition to LED of all streetlights in the City in 10 years

Alternative B (Bonding)

The maximum bonding amount projected under this category is \$6,615,000 (assume a 10 year bond). This alternative envisions allocating funding for improved streets and alleys to the target Pavement Condition Index (PCI) as shown in the table below. Under this scenario the City could borrow against 10 years of revenue each decade to prioritize more projects, but limit its bonding to every 10 years.

Item	Description	Investment	Improvement
1	Unpaved Alleys (30%)	\$1,984,500	Under City Council direction prioritize existing unpaved alleys. (Assume \$300,000 per alley)
2	Pavement Management Program (30%)	\$1,984,500	Augment the \$2,000,000 yearly investment by the City by helping achieve the \$3,000,000 target yearly investment to maintain a PCI in the 70's
3	Sidewalk/Pedestrian Ramps/Pedestrian Safety transition program (20%)	\$1,323,000	Augment the City's yearly investment by helping achieve the \$900,000 target yearly investment to complete the transition in 5 years.
4	Street lights (20%)	\$1,323,000	This amount will help achieve investment of \$2,500,000 necessary to complete the purchase and transition to LED of all streetlights in the City

Category 2 – Existing Parks

Under the tax initiative, 20% of the collected parcel tax would go to the improvement, maintenance, and programing at existing parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots

The yearly dollar projection from the tax initiative under this category is \$311,162.

Alternative A (Pay as you Go)

The City’s yearly park maintenance budget is about \$1,700,000. The parks component of the City’s facilities need assessment identified more than \$18,000,000 in unfunded improvements needed in various tiers. The proposed allocation is as follows:

Item	Description	Investment	Improvement
1	Programing Addition (10%)	\$31,116	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. There are certainly other programs the City could provide with these funds; this is simply to illustrate the new programs that would be possible. \$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Rec Leader IIIs, 2 Rec Leader Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents. (The investment may be combined with Category 3 programing amount)
2	Maintenance (45%)	\$140,022	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
3	Improvements (45%)	\$140,022	Augment investment as to park facilities as prioritized by the facilities need assessment under the direction of the City Council.

Alternative B (Bonding)

The maximum bonding amount projected under this category is \$2,134,285 assuming a 10 year bond and a 20% allocation of yearly revenue for maintenance (10% - \$31,116) and programming (10% - \$31,116).

The parks component of the City’s facilities need assessment identified more than \$18,000,000 in unfunded improvements needed in various tiers. Under this alternative, funding would go to the most urgent park needs as identified through the asset management program in development by staff.

Item	Description	Investment	Improvement
1	Programing Addition (10%)	\$31,116 per year	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. There are certainly other programs the City could provide with these funds; this is simply to illustrate the new programs that would be possible. \$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Rec Leader IIIs, 2 Rec Leader Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents. (The investment may be combined with Category 3 programing amount)
2	Maintenance (10%)	\$31,116 per year	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
3	Improvements	\$2,134,285 per 10 years	Augment investment as to park facilities as prioritized by the facilities need assessment under the direction of the City Council.

Category 3 – New Parks

15% of the parcel tax would go to the construction, development, and programming of new parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots.

The yearly dollar projection from the tax initiative under this category is \$233,372.

Alternative A (Pay as you Go)

The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs and would position the City well for any future grant opportunities. In addition, the preparation costs and some of the required matching funds could potentially be secured through this alternative.

Item	Description	Investment per Yr	Improvement
1	Programing Addition (10%)	\$23,337	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. There are certainly other programs the City could provide with these funds; this is simply to illustrate the new programs that would be possible. \$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Rec Leader IIIs, 2 Rec Leader Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents. (The investment may be combined with Category 2 programing amount)
2	Park Master Plan and Grants	\$50,000	The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs and would position the City well for any future grant opportunities.
3	Development/Construction	\$160,034	Prepare, develop, sites to be “shovel ready for granting opportunities. Construct new sites. Augment the construction of new park facilities.

Alternative B (Bonding)

Synopsis: The maximum bonding amount projected under this category is \$1,600,714 assuming a 10 year bond and a 20% allocation of yearly revenue for maintenance (10% - \$23,337) and programming (10% - \$23,337). The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs. Once that is done, staff would recommend to the City Council a particular site for a new park facility.

Item	Description	Investment	Improvement
1	Programing Addition (10%)	\$23,337 per year	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. There are certainly other programs the City could provide with these funds; this is simply to illustrate the new programs that would be possible. \$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Rec Leader IIIs, 2 Rec Leader Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents. (The investment may be combined with Category 2 programing amount)
2	Maintenance (10%)	\$23,337 per year	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
3	Parks Master Plan	Only use in Year 1	The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs
4	Development/ Construction	\$1,600,714 per 10 years	Augment investment as to park facilities as prioritized by the facilities need assessment under the direction of the City Council.

Category 4 – Administrative Costs

The total amount available under the Initiative Measure for administrative costs is estimated to be \$233,300. These funds would go to the establishment and support of the five-member Citizen Oversight Committee, the quarterly status reports to the Oversight Committee, the annual report to be provided to the City Council by the City Treasurer, the annual audit of the parcel tax fund to be caused by the City Treasurer, establishing and maintaining the parcel tax database, processing new and continuing requests for exemptions, handling possible appeals, and annually putting the parcel tax on the tax roll. These activities are anticipated to require additional staffing support in both the Engineering and Finance departments as well as assistance from outside consultants.

Summary

This report presents an analysis of the impacts of the proposed parcel tax measure and provides scenarios that illustrate the potential uses of the projected funds available with the stated assumptions. Acceptance of this report by the City Council does not constitute any commitment to any alternative, specific projects or funding methods.

Alternative A - PayGo

Category	Item	Yearly Projected Revenue	Improvement	Need	Investment Per Yr.	Notes
1	Streets and Alleyways	\$ 777,905	Unpaved Alleys - 30% of Category 1 projected revenue	\$300,000 per alley	\$ 233,371	Assume \$60 per square foot of alley. Total for unpaved alleys is estimated to be \$7,000,000.
			Pavement Management Program - 30% of Category 1 projected revenue	\$1,000,000 additional per year to maintain a PCI in the 70's	\$ 233,371	Current yearly investment is about \$2,000,000
			Sidewalk/Pedestrian Ramps/Pedestrian Safety transition program - 20% of Category 1 projected revenue	\$1,000,000 per year to complete a 10 year transition plan	\$ 155,581	Current yearly investment is about \$500,000
			Street lights - 20% of Category 1 projected revenue	\$2,500,000 investment to purchase and transition all street lights to LED	\$ 155,581	The savings in energy will pay for transition in 6 years. The additional investment per year will help pay back sooner.
2	Existing Parks	\$ 311,162	Additional Programing 10% of Category 2 pojected revenue	\$50,000 would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Recreation Leaders IIIs, 2 Recreation Leaders Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents.	\$ 31,116	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. (The investment may be combined with Category 3 programing amount)
			Maintenance - 45% of Category 2 projected revenue	Parks yearly maintenance budget is about \$1,700,000	\$ 140,022	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
			Improvements - 45% of Category 2 projected revenue	The parks component of the City's facilities need assessment identified more than \$18,000,000 in unfunded improvements needed in various tiers	\$ 140,022	Augment investment to existing park facilities
3	New Parks	\$ 233,372	Additional Programing 10% of Category 3 pojected revenue	\$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Recreation Leaders IIIs, 2 Recreation Leaders Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents.	\$ 23,337	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. (The investment may be combined with Category 2 programing amount)
			Parks Master Plan and Grants		\$ 50,000	The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs and would position the City well for any future grant opportunities.
			Development / Construction		\$ 160,034	Prepare, develop, sites to be "shovel ready for granting opportunities. Construct new sites. Augment the construction of new park facilities.
4	Administrative Costs	\$ 233,372			\$ 233,372	

Alternative B - Bonding

Category	Item	Yearly Projected Revenue	Improvement	Need	Investment	Notes
1	Streets and Alleyways	\$ 6,615,000	Unpaved Alleys (30%)	\$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 will be required to improve all alleys	\$ 1,984,500	Assume \$300,000 per alley. There are some economy of scales savings if alleys are bundled.
			Pavement Management Program (30%)	\$1,000,000 additional per year to maintain a PCI in the 70's	\$ 1,984,500	Augment the \$2,000,000 yearly investment by the City by helping achieve the \$3,000,000 target yearly investment to maintain a PCI in the 70's
			Sidewalk/Pedestrian Ramps/Pedestrian Safety transition program (20%)	\$10,000,000 in outstanding improvements in the City's transition plan	\$ 1,323,000	Augment the City's yearly investment by helping achieve the \$1,000,000 target yearly investment to complete the transition in 10 years.
			Street lights (20%)	\$2,500,000 investment to purchase and transition all street lights to LED	\$ 1,323,000	This amount will help achieve investment of \$2,500,000 necessary to complete the purchase and transition to LED of all streetlights in the City
2	Existing Parks	\$ 2,134,285	Additional Programing 10% of Category 2 pojected revenue	\$50,000 would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Recreation Leaders IIIs, 2 Recreation Leaders Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents.	\$ 31,116	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. (The investment may be combined with Category 3 programing amount)
			Maintenance - 10% of Category 2 projected revenue	Parks yearly maintenance budget is about \$1,700,000	\$ 31,116	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
			Improvements - 100% of Category 2 10 year bond total	The parks component of the City's facilities need assessment identified more than \$18,000,000 in unfunded improvements needed in various tiers	\$ 2,134,285	Augment investment as to park facilities as prioritized by the facilities need assessment and City Council.
3	New Parks	\$ 1,600,714	Additional Programing 10% of Category 3 pojected revenue	\$50K would offset costs for a youth soccer program providing funding for 2 Recreation Leaders IIIs, 2 Recreation Leaders Is, and supplies and materials at very low cost to our residents.	\$ 23,337	Currently, the City does not provide youth soccer or youth basketball clinics. This funding would help to provide the needed supplies and staffing for these programs. (The investment may be combined with Category 2 programing amount)
			Maintenance - 10% of Category 2 projected revenue	Parks yearly maintenance budget is about \$1,700,000	\$ 23,337	Increase park caretakers to help with trash and maintenance of the city parks and open space areas around the city as possible.
			Parks Master Plan	Only use in year 1	\$ 50,000	The development of new parks would necessitate a citywide Parks Master Plan (PMP) that would help identify potential sites and costs
			Development / Construction - 100% of Category 3 10 year bond total	10 year bond total	\$ 1,600,714	Potential sites and probable costs (assume \$80/sf) : - Joe's Pocket Farm site \$700,000, - Welding Shop site \$900,000,
4	Administrative Costs	\$ 233,372			\$ 233,372	

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The City Attorney has prepared the following ballot title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed initiative measure:

**Title
NATIONAL CITY SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR STREETS AND PARKS**

Summary

The City of National City pays for general City services and programs associated with streets and parks. This initiative measure would supplement the City's existing expenditures by imposing a parcel tax on property owners within the City. The parcel tax would be collected twice a year with other property taxes. If approved, the first tax would be imposed in 2023 and would continue until repealed by the voters. The tax collected by the City would be placed in a special fund to be used exclusively for street and park purposes.

The rate of taxation is based on the character of the property:

- Single-family residential parcels - \$75.00;
- Multi-family residential parcels- \$99.00-\$500.00;
- Mobile home parcels - \$52.00;
- Commercial parcels - \$365.00;
- Industrial parcels- \$365.00;
- Agricultural parcels - \$52.00;
- Unimproved residential or commercial parcels - \$1,000.00; or
- Miscellaneous parcels - \$150.00.

Upon the submission of the required documentation, the following types of properties are exempt from the parcel tax:

- Private parochial and special schools;
- Qualifying senior citizens;
- Affordable housing projects;
- Religious institutions;
- Governmental institutions;
- Common areas, as defined;
- Non-profit organizations;
- Any other organization or parcel that is exempt from taxation by law.

If passed, the City would be limited to spending the parcel tax funds in the following manner:

- At least 50% of the funds would be used on street and sidewalk repairs, street lighting and pedestrian safety improvements, and alleyway improvements;
- At least 20% of the funds would have to be used on improvement, maintenance, and programming at existing parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots;
- At least 15% of the funds would have to be used on construction, development, and programming of new parks, playgrounds, open space, and tot lots; and
- No more than 15% of the funds may be used to reimburse the City for collecting the parcel tax and enforcing and administering the initiative measure.

The initiative measure proposes the creation of a five-member advisory Citizen Oversight Committee ("Committee") to ensure funds are spent consistent with the initiative measure. Committee members would be appointed by the City Council and would consist of residents subject to the parcel tax. The Committee may not include City employees or elected or appointed officials. The Committee would report annually to the City Council on how the parcel tax funds were spent.

The City Treasurer would prepare an annual report detailing the funds collected and expended and the status of projects or programs funded by the parcel tax. The annual report would be filed with the City Council, posted on the City's website, and provided to the Committee. The City Treasurer would also perform an annual independent audit of the special parcel tax fund.

If you sign this petition, you will help place this initiative measure on the ballot.

If you do not sign this petition, you will not help place this initiative measure on the ballot.

Dated: February 14, 2022

/s/
Charles E Bell, Jr.
City Attorney

To the City Council of the City of National City:

We, the undersigned, registered, qualified voters and residents of the City of National City, California, hereby propose amendments to the National City Municipal Code, and petition the City Council to submit the same to the voters of the City of National City for their adoption or rejection at the next general election or as otherwise provided by law. The proposed amendments are set forth below and on the subsequent pages and read as follows:

Sec. 1: TITLE.

National City Street Repair & Parks Improvement Measure

Sec. 2: FINDINGS.

The people of National City hereby find and declare the following:

- (1) National City residents deserve the same safe, clean, well-maintained streets, sidewalks and parks that other communities in San Diego County have had for years,
- (2) National City's budget for street repairs and parks maintenance has lagged behind, resulting in poor road conditions and delay of critical infrastructure improvements
- (3) There is a great need for infrastructure upgrades throughout National City, including streets, sidewalks, neighborhood lighting and aging parks and recreational facilities
- (4) Approximately 20% of alleys in National City remain unpaved, reducing property values and leading to persistent problems like flooding and illegal dumping

- (5) Pothole-riddled streets force residents to pay increased costs for car repairs and gas, and are a source of constant frustration,
- (6) Every family in every neighborhood needs clean and safe parks for recreation, fitness and a great quality of life,
- (7) Reliable street lighting is essential to ensuring safe neighborhoods, reducing car accidents and keeping our communities livable and welcoming,
- (8) To make National City better and safer for all our residents, we need to invest in infrastructure repairs, filling potholes, and improving our city's parks, especially in neighborhoods without convenient access to open space,
- (9) The time is now to upgrade existing parks, add modern new playgrounds for kids, expand park services for sports, fitness and health and add new parks every city resident can enjoy
- (10) This measure is focused on urgent improvements to city streets, infrastructure and parks that will make life better for all our residents now and for years to come,
- (11) This measure's funding includes ironclad guarantees that the

funds will go directly to fixing National City streets and sidewalks, and upgrading National City's parks - nothing else. The funds go directly into a lockbox account and the politicians can't misuse the money for any other purpose,

(12) Independent audits will ensure funds are spent responsibly and a citizens' taxpayer oversight committee will blow the whistle on political corruption and waste.

Sec. 3: PURPOSE.

A. Uses of Funds Collected by this Measure. The purpose of this chapter is to raise critically needed funds by assessing an annual parcel tax on property owners, and to use the proceeds of the tax solely to provide funding for the upgrading, renovating, repairing, updating and/or constructing of the following parks and recreation projects and programs, including to:

(1) Fill potholes, repair sidewalks, repave streets, improve pedestrian safety and upgrade street lighting in every neighborhood in National City;

(2) Repair unimproved dirt alleys that continue to blight neighborhoods across National City;

(3) Improve city parks with new and upgraded playgrounds, welcoming and light-to-tan landscaping, clean and sanitary facilities and additional recreation services and amenities for all residents, especially seniors and children;

(4) Add new city parks in neighborhoods that do not have adequate access to open space, playgrounds and recreational facilities;

(5) Assess National city property owners, subject to an approval by a majority vote of the National City voters, an annual parcel tax to provide funding for the above purposes;

(6) Keep the ordinance in place until National City voters choose to end it; and

(7) Protect taxpayers with strong accountability provisions, including independent audits and citizens' oversight, to ensure funds are spent wisely as intended.

A. Proportions of funds between purposes. As is detailed in Section 7 below, the City shall have the right to be reimbursed for its costs of collecting the taxes called for by this measure, enforcing this measure, and administering this measure. It is the people of National City's intent that after the subtraction of city costs, the remaining funds be spent in such a manner that in any 60-month period:

(1) Spending on street and sidewalk repairs, street lighting and pedestrian safety improvements, and alleyway improvement shall be no less than 50% of the funds raised by this measure;

(2) Spending on improvement, maintenance and programming at existing parks, playgrounds, open space and tot lots shall be no less than 20% of the funds raised by this measure; and

(3) Spending on construction, development and programming of new parks, playgrounds, open space and tot lots shall be no less 15% of the funds raised by this measure; and

(4) After ten years from the effective date of this initiative, and every ten year period thereafter, the City with the consultation and advice of the Citizen Oversight Committee may reallocate percentages between the categories described in subsections (B)(2)-(3) to better meet the changing needs of National City and its residents.

A. Funds are to be Supplemental and NOT a replacement of existing funding. It is the people of National City's intent that the funds provided by this measure supplement, and not supplant, existing city funding for street and infrastructure repairs and parks maintenance, improvement, and expansion. The people find and declare that streets and parks in National City require additional resources than are currently being provided by the City.

Sec. 4: IMPOSITION OF PARCEL TAX.

There is hereby imposed a tax on all Owners of parcels in National City for the privilege of using municipal services and the availability of such services. The tax imposed by this chapter shall be assessed on the Owner unless the Owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case, the tax imposed shall be assessed on the holder of any Possessory Interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation. The tax is imposed as of July 1 of each year on the person who owned the parcel or possessory interest on that date, except as otherwise provided for herein.

A. Base Amount of Tax. The tax hereby imposed shall be set as follows, subject to exemption as provided in Section 5, below:

(1) For owners of Single-Family Residential Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$75.00 per parcel.

(2) For owners of Multiple Residential Unit Parcels that contain two to four Residential Units, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$150.00 per parcel.

(3) For owners of Multiple Residential Unit Parcels that contain five to fifteen Residential Units, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$425.00 per parcel.

(4) For owners of Multiple Residential Unit Parcels that contain sixteen or more Residential Units, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$500.00 per parcel.

(5) For owners of Unimproved Residential Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$1,000.00 per parcel.

(6) For owners of Mobile Home Unit Parcels, the tax shall be at \$52.00 per parcel.

(7) For owners of Condominium Unit Parcels, the tax shall be at \$99.00 per parcel.

(8) For owners of Commercial Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$365.00 per parcel.

(9) For owners of Unimproved Commercial Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$1,000.00 per parcel.

(10) For owners of Industrial Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$365.00 per parcel.

(11) For owners of Agricultural Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$52.00 per parcel.

(12) Miscellaneous Parcels, the tax shall be at the annual rate of \$150.00 per parcel.

Sec. 5: EXEMPTIONS.

A. Private, Parochial, and/or Special Schools. Private Schools, Parochial Schools and Special Schools are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if their Owners complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Private, Parochial, and/or Special School Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

B. Senior Citizens. Senior Citizens are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if they own and occupy a single-family residence, or condominium unit and complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Senior Citizen Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

C. Affordable Housing Projects. Affordable Housing Projects are exempt from 50 percent (50%) of the taxes otherwise imposed by this chapter if their Owners complete and submit to the City on a timely basis an Affordable Housing Project Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City. The exemption shall apply in the same proportion that the Affordable Housing Project is exempted from ad valorem property taxes.

D. Religious Institution Parcels. Religious Institution Parcels are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if their Owners complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Religious Institution Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

E. Governmental Parcels. Governmental Parcels are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if their Owners complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Governmental Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

F. Common Areas. Common Areas are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if their Owners complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Common Area Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

G. Non-profit service organizations which provide services to additionally underserved community members are exempt from the taxes imposed by this chapter if they complete and submit to the City on a timely basis a Parcel Tax Exemption Claim form, with the required documentation, which form will be developed and provided by the City.

Sec. 6: ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.

A. CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

An advisory citizen oversight committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the City Council.

The Oversight Committee will review the expenditures funded by the tax in order to ensure that the funds are spent exclusively for the purposes approved by the voters. The Committee will be comprised of National City residents who are payers of this tax and who are not employees or elected officials of the City or members of any other City Committee or Board.

The Oversight Committee will report annually to the City Council on how the parcel tax funds have been spent. The Oversight Committee's meetings and records shall be open to the public in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code section 54950 and following, and the California Public Records Act, California Government Code section 6250 and following.

The City Manager shall provide administrative support to the Oversight Committee and shall provide quarterly status reports to the Committee on the projects funded by the proceeds of the parcel tax. Proceeds from the parcel tax may be used to pay for costs incurred in providing support to the Oversight Committee.

B. INDEPENDENT ANNUAL REVIEW.

The City Treasurer shall prepare an annual report no later than January 1 of each year, setting forth the amount of funds collected and expended, and the status of any project or program required or authorized to be funded by the proceeds of this parcel tax. The annual report shall be filed with the City Council, posted on the City's website, and provided to the Oversight Committee. Proceeds from the parcel tax may be used to pay for this annual report.

C. ANNUAL AUDIT.

The City Treasurer shall cause an independent audit to be performed annually of the expenditures of the proceeds of the tax imposed by this chapter.

D. SPECIAL ACCOUNT.

The City shall deposit funds collected from the taxes imposed by this chapter into a special account and shall appropriate and expend such funds only for the specific purposes authorized by this chapter.

Sec. 7: DUTIES OF CITY

A. It shall be the duty of the City to oversee the collection and receipt of all taxes imposed by this chapter. The City is charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter, and shall create forms and other materials as required to administer this chapter and may adopt rules and regulations relating to such administration and enforcement. Proceeds from the parcel tax may be used to pay for the City's costs of collection, receipt, administration and enforcement of taxes imposed by this chapter, as well as the City's costs of administration and execution of the chapter's purposes, including but not limited to the administration of specific construction and maintenance projects taken up under this chapter.

B. The City shall ensure that taxes collected under this chapter are promptly deposited in this chapter.

C. The City may authorize San Diego County to collect the taxes imposed by this chapter in conjunction with and at the same time and in the same manner as the county collects property taxes for the City. If the City elects to authorize San Diego County to collect the tax, penalties and interest shall be those applicable to the nonpayment of property taxes. Proceeds from the parcel tax may be used to pay for any charges assessed by San Diego County for collection of the taxes imposed by this chapter.

D. The City, or its designee, is hereby authorized to examine assessment rolls, property tax records, and records of San Diego County and of National City deemed necessary in order to determine ownership of Parcels and computation of the taxes imposed by this chapter.

E. The City, or its designee, is hereby authorized to examine the books, papers and records of any person subject to the tax imposed by this chapter for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any petition, claim or return filed and to ascertain the tax due. The City, or its designee, is hereby authorized to examine any person, whether as parties or witnesses, under oath, for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of any petition, claim or return filed or to ascertain the tax due under this chapter, whenever it believes such persons have knowledge of such matters, and for this purpose may compel the production of books, papers, and records. The refusal of such examination by any person subject to the tax shall be deemed a violation of this chapter and of this code and subject to any and all remedies specified herein.

Sec. 8: COLLECTION OF TAX.

A. The tax levied and imposed by this chapter shall be due and payable in the calendar year which follows the year for which the tax is imposed. As such the first payment of this tax will begin in the fiscal year following the certification of the ordinance as called for by section 9217 of the California Code of Elections. Each year's payment may be paid in two installments due at the same time the County of San Diego collects installments of tax payers per valorem property taxes.

B. The tax shall be delinquent if the City does not receive it on or before the delinquency date set forth in the notice mailed to the Owner's address as shown on the most current assessment roll of the San Diego County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, and the tax shall be collected in such a manner as the City may decide. The City may place delinquencies on a subsequent tax bill.

C. Penalties invoked for failure to pay this tax shall be consistent, both in amount and means of collection, with penalties enforced for all similar taxes as determined by the City.

D. The amount of any tax, penalty, and interest imposed under the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed a debt to the City. Any person owing money under this chapter shall be liable to the City in an action brought in the name of the City for the recovery for such amount.

E. Whenever the amount of any tax, penalty, or interest imposed by this chapter has been paid more than once, or has been erroneously or illegally collected or received by the City, it may be refunded provided a verified claim in writing, stating the specific ground upon which such claim is founded, is filed with the City within one year of the

date of payment.

The claim shall be filed by the Person who paid the tax or such person's guardian, conservator or the executor of her or his estate. No claim may be filed on behalf of other taxpayers or a class of taxpayers. Such claims shall be on forms and in the manner and time set forth in procedures established by the City, and shall be reviewed by the City Manager.

If the claim is approved by the City Manager, the excess amount collected or paid may be refunded or may be credited against any amounts then due and payable from the Person from whom it was collected or by whom paid, and the balance may be refunded to such Person, his/her administrators or executors. Filing a claim shall be a condition precedent to legal action against the City for a refund of the tax.

Sec. 9: EFFECTIVE DATE.

In accordance with California Elections Code section 9217, after completion of the canvass by the City Clerk and certification of the election results to the City Council showing that a majority of National City voters voted in favor of this chapter, this chapter shall be considered as adopted upon the City Council's declaration of the election results, and shall go into effect 10 days later.

Sec. 10: ROLE OF CITY COUNCIL.

A. The City Council is hereby authorized to promulgate such regulations as it shall deem necessary in order to implement the provisions of this chapter, as long as they are consistent with the chapter's purpose.

B. The tax rates may not be increased by action of the City Council without voter approval, but the City Council may make any other changes to this chapter as are consistent with its purpose as defined in section 3.

Sec. 11: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

If any provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter is found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall affect only such provision, sentence, clause, section or part of this chapter and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this chapter. It is hereby declared that the voters would have adopted this chapter had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

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By Proponents:

/s/ Barbara Avalos
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**N Ave 28 (street number omitted for privacy reasons)
National City, CA 91950**

/s/ Jose Rodriguez
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**Delta St (street number omitted for privacy reasons)
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I, _____, am 18 years of age or older.
(print name)

My residence address is _____, I circulated this section of the petition
(address, city, state, zip)

and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. I showed each signer a valid and unfalsified "Official Top Funders" sheet. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true
(month, day, year) (month, day, year)

and correct. Executed on _____, at _____, CA. Signature of Circulator _____
(month, day, year) (place of signing) (complete signature indicating full name of circulator)



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AS TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE INITIATIVE PETITION ENTITLED “NATIONAL CITY SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR STREETS AND PARKS”

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WHEREAS, the San Diego County Registrar-Recorder has prepared the Certificate of Sufficiency of the Initiative Petition attached as Exhibit “A”; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of National City hereby accepts the Certificate of Sufficiency regarding the initiative petition.

PASSED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2022.

Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Luz Molina, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barry J. Schultz, Interim City Attorney



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July 21, 2022

Luz Molina, City Clerk
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Re: National City Special Parcel Tax for Streets and Parks

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CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS:

- Number of sections submitted.....402
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- Number of signatures verified.....3,353
- Number of signatures found to be valid.....2,779
- Number of signatures found not to be valid.....574
(Includes 41 duplicated signatures)
- Number of signatures required for qualification.....2,779

If you have questions, please contact me at (858) 505-7201 or Javier De Anda at (858) 505-7302.



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"For" Cynthia Paes