



DATE: December 11, 2018

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Clerk's Office

TITLE: **Certification of Official Election Returns – November 6, 2018 General Municipal Election**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Declaring the Result of the Canvass of Returns of the General Municipal Election Held on November 6, 2018 for the Election of Three Members to the City Council and for Ballot Measure P (Business License Tax) and Ballot Measure Q (Cannabis Tax), to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

A General Municipal Election was held on November 6, 2018 to elect three members of the City Council to full four-year terms and to submit to the voters Measure P – Business License Tax and Measure Q – Cannabis Tax. The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has canvassed the returns and certified the results of the election on December 6, 2018 (Attachment 2 to the Council report). The California Elections Code requires the Council to adopt a resolution reciting the fact of the election and to certify the results.

Total Voter Registration:	37,032
Precinct Ballots Cast:	6,892
Vote by Mail Ballots Cast:	21,674
Total Ballots Cast	28,566
Voter Turnout:	77.14%

Councilmember Election

The attached resolution declares elected the following persons who received the highest number of votes for the three Council seats for full four-year terms:

Candidate	Votes Received	Percentage of Votes Received
Ellen Kamei	11,916	19.00%
Lucas Ramirez	11,397	18.17%
Alison Hicks	11,129	17.74%

Ballot Measures

Measure P (Business License Tax) and Measure Q (Cannabis Tax) each required approval by a majority of voters in order to pass. Both measures received a majority vote and were, therefore, approved by the voters. The attached resolution (Attachment 1) recites the number of votes cast and percentage of votes received by each measure as follows:

Measure P – Business License Tax

Shall the measure to fund critical City needs such as reducing traffic congestion, enhancing bicycle/pedestrian-friendly routes, providing housing affordable for a range of incomes/homeless services, by imposing a business license tax of between \$8 and \$149 per employee on average, with larger companies paying more per employee, generating about \$6 million yearly for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?

<i>Measure P – Business License Tax</i>	<i>Votes Received</i>	<i>Percentage of Votes Received</i>
Yes	19,011	71.05%
No	7,747	28.95%

Measure Q – Cannabis Tax

Shall the measure to maintain and protect essential public safety services, including 9-1-1, police and fire protection, emergency medical response; reduce traffic congestion and repair roads; and provide other critical City services, including library, park maintenance, senior services, by levying a tax of up to 9 percent on gross receipts of cannabis businesses, providing about 1 million dollars per year, for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?

<i>Measure Q – Cannabis Tax</i>	<i>Votes Received</i>	<i>Percentage of Votes Received</i>
Yes	21,694	81.42%
No	4,952	18.58%

California Elections Code Section 9217 provides that an ordinance approved by a majority of the voters shall become a valid and binding ordinance of the City. The ordinance shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the legislative body and shall go into effect 10 days after that date.

The ordinances proposed by Measure P (Business License Tax) and Measure Q (Cannabis Tax) shall be considered as adopted as of the date of this action and will go into effect after 10 days. The ordinances are attached as Attachment 3 (Business License Tax) and Attachment 4 (Cannabis Tax) to the Council report.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Resolution
 2. Ordinance – Business License Tax
 3. Ordinance – Cannabis Tax