Presidential General Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Voter Information Guide

810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642 Main: (209) 223-6465 Fax: (209) 223-6467 elections@amadorgov.org Amador.Vote

Instructions for Voting

To vote completely fill in the (⬬) next to your selection. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the name in the blank space provided and fill in the (⬬). If you tear or deface your ballot, return it to the Elections Office or any Vote Center and another ballot will be issued. If you make a mistake, cross out the candidate or choice you don't want and fill in the one you do want, that way your choice is clear and can be counted. To make sure your vote counts, use a blue or black ballpoint pen. Do not select more candidates than the number to be elected. You may vote in as many or as few contests as you want and any mistakes or not voting in one contest does not affect the rest of the ballot.

How to Return Your Vote by Mail Ballot

Return your Vote by Mail ballot in your postage-paid envelope. Make sure that your Vote by Mail ballot envelope is sealed and signed. There are 3 ways to return your Vote by Mail ballot:

- By Mail in the postage-paid envelope. Your ballot will need to be postmarked by Election Day and received within 7 days of Election Day
- At any Official Ballot Drop Box. The County Administration Center has a 24hr box in the rear parking lot or any of the additional boxes located throughout the county beginning on October 7, 2024. See box locations and closing times for Election Day inside this packet
- At any Vote Center. We have 3 located in the county. See our Vote Center details inside this packet

You no longer need to authorize a person to return your Vote by Mail ballot. You may now allow someone to return your ballot regardless of their relationship to you. Simply fill out the portion on the back of the envelope.

Assistance for the Visually, Hearing or Speech Impaired

Amador County has the ExpressVote Universal Marking Device for voters who are unable to view or personally mark their ballot. For your convenience, these devices are located at the Elections Office and in all Vote Centers.

Alternative Ballot Formats Available

Amador County has Spanish translated facsimile ballots available in the Elections Office and all Vote Centers. Remote Accessible Vote by Mail ballot retrieval system is available for voter use. Please contact our office at (209) 223-6465 or visit Amador.Vote to request the link.

Condado de Amador tiene boletas de fax traducidas al español disponibles en la Oficina de Elecciones y en todos los Centros de Votación. El sistema de recuperación de boletas de voto por correo de acceso remoto está disponible para el uso de los votantes. Comuníquese con nuestra oficina al (209) 223-6465 o visite Amador.Vote para solicitar el enlace.

Voting in California

What is a Top 2 Primary?

A Top 2 Primary lets you vote for *any* candidate (for most races), even if you are not in the same political party. The top 2 candidates – the ones who get the most votes in the primary – will be on the General Election ballot in November.

What does *party preference* mean?

Party preference refers to the political party you – or the candidate – is registered with. It's listed under each candidate's name on the ballot. The word "None" appears for candidates who are *not* registered with a party. For example:

JOHN SMITH	**JANE DOE**	**CHRIS JONES**
Party Preference: Democratic	Party Preference: Republican	Party Preference: None

Do all offices follow the Top 2 rules?

No. Top 2 applies to these voter-nominated offices:

- ★ United States Senator
- ★ United States Representative
- ★ State Senator
- ★ Member of State Assembly
- ★ Statewide constitutional offices

Top 2 **does not** apply to elections for President or Party Central Committees

Can the Top 2 candidates be from the same party?

Yes. The Top 2 candidates might be from the same party, different parties, or no party.

Can I still write in a candidate on my ballot?

Yes. You can write in a candidate for voter-nominated offices at the primary election, but **NOT** for the general election. For other contests, you are allowed to write in a candidate at both the primary and general elections.

Do I need to register again for each election?

No. Fill out a new Voter Registration card **only** if you have:

- ★ Moved,
- ★ Changed your name or signature,
- ★ Think you haven't voted in the last 4 years.
- ★ Changed your political party

Where can I register to vote?

You can register at:

- ★ Online at registertovote.ca.gov
- ★ Obtain a registration card at:
  - o Post Office
  - o County Library
  - o City Hall
  - o Elections Office
  - o Vote Center

Scan QR code to Register to Vote

Office of United States Senator

- ★ There are two U.S. Senate contests on the November 5, 2024, Presidential General Election ballot.
- ★ The first contest is the regular election for the full 6-year term ending January 3, 2031.
- ★ The second contest is a special vacancy election (the current officeholder is temporarily filling a vacancy) for the remainder of the current term ending January 3, 2025.
- ★ You may vote for both contests.

Voting by Mail

Pursuant to recent legislation:

- ★ Voted ballots must be **postmarked** by Election Day and **received** by November 12, 2024.

Prop. 34 – Expenditure Limitations: State Legislative Candidates

Proposition 34 was passed by voters in November 2000. The law requires county election officials to provide the names of those State Legislative candidates who have voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits. Candidates who agree to the expenditure limits may submit and pay for a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications to be printed in this pamphlet.

The following State Legislative candidates, listed in alphabetical order, have accepted the voluntary expenditure limitations pursuant to Proposition 34:

Member of State Assembly District #1	Member of State Assembly District #9
Heather Hadwick	Heath Flora
Tenessa Audette	Tami Norbiga

Party Endorsements

The Green, Libertarian and Peace & Freedom parties are not endorsing candidates in the November General.

Party	United States President and Vice President	United States Senator – Full Term	United States Senator – Partial/Unexpired Term
American Independent			
Democratic	Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz	Adam B. Schiff	Adam B. Schiff
Republican			

Party	United States Representative District #5	Member of State Assembly District #1	Member of State Assembly District #9
American Independent	Tom McClintock	Tenessa Audette	Tami Nobriga
Democratic	Michael J. " Mike" Barkley		
Republican	Tom McClintock		Heath Flora

VOTE CENTERS

29 days before the Election EC §4005(a)(4)(A)	**10 days before the Election** EC §4005(a)(4)(A)	**3 days before the Election** EC §4005(a)(3)(A)
Starting October 7, 2024: Regular Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Friday **Amador County Elections Office** 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642	**Starting October 26, 2024:** 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Everyday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day **County Administration Center** 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 **City of Ione Fire Station No.2** 600 Preston Avenue Ione, CA 95640	**Starting November 2, 2024:** 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Everyday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day **Pioneer Community Veterans Hall** 25100 Buckhorn Ridge Road Pioneer, CA 95666

24 HOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOX

28 days before the Election EC §4005(a)(1)(B)
Starting October 8, 2024: Accessible 24 hours Daily ***Closes at 8:00 pm on Election Day*** **Amador County Administrative Center** 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 Outside in rear parking lot

OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES

28 days before the Election
EC §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(IV)
EC §4005(a)(10)(I)(vi)(VII)

Starting October 8, 2024

Ione Plaza Market (Inside store) 313 Preston Ave. Ione, CA 95640 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Daily ***Closes at 8:00 pm on Election Day***	Pine Grove Market (Inside store) 19394 State Hwy 88 Pine Grove, CA 95665 24 hours Daily ***Closes at 8:00 pm on Election Day***
Pokerville Market (Inside store) 18170 State Hwy 49 Plymouth, CA 95669 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday – Saturday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sunday ***Closes at 7:00 pm on Election Day***	Young's Payless Market IGA (Inside store) 26560 State Hwy 88 Pioneer, CA 95666 7:00 am to 9:00 pm Daily ***Closes at 7:00 pm on Election Day***

Reminder to track your ballot at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

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United States Representative, District 5
TOM MCCLINTOCK
United States Representative

On Inauguration Day, our borders were secure, America was energy independent, the world was at peace, real wages were rising, inflation was 1.4%, the average 30-year mortgage interest rate was 1.9% and a gallon of gas averaged $2.39.

Elections have consequences. Leftist policies always produce rising crime, sky-high taxes, poverty, failing schools, chronic shortages of basic necessities and ultimately failing businesses and fleeing families.

We watched these policies destroy our great cities like San Francisco and then our great state of California. Now they are destroying our country. We can't let that happen.

As Chairman of the House subcommittee responsible for immigration, I wrote the reforms to restore the successful Trump policies that secured our border and that passed the House.

As a senior member of the House Budget Committee, my work to rein in wasteful government spending has won consistent praise from groups ranging from the National Taxpayers Union to Citizens Against Government Waste.

For 16 years, I have pushed to restore active forest management and to develop our water and power resources on the House Natural Resources Committee.

Freedom works. Government overregulation and overtaxation have made a mess of our lives. A healthy, competitive, consumer-driven economy can restore the abundance, excellence and reliability of all those things upon which our quality of life depends.

You sent me to Washington to fight for these principles. I will need your support in the crucial days ahead.

You can read more at TomMcClintock.com.

/s/ Tom McClintock

United States Representative, District 5
MICHAEL J. "MIKE" BARKLEY
Lawyer/Accountant/Programmer

Dear friends and neighbors,

I am a lawyer, certified public accountant (inactive), computer programmer, rancher with wildfire issues, Navy veteran, and activist in local government, water, flooding and environmental issues. My mix of skills makes me uniquely suited to represent you in Washington.

Before you vote, please see my platform on my web sites, mikebarkley4congress.com or mjbarkl.com/run.htm - My specific proposals on my platform will solve many problems and save many lives in this state and country.

Major goals: Strengthen wildfire and casualty insurance protections; Strengthen women's rights and Right to Choose; Restore voting rights; Strengthen labor; Reverse global warming; Reverse the 2017 Billionaire Tax Cut and balance the budget; Add Medicare for All; Repair what Congress did to cause homelessness and soaring rents (Tax Reform Act of 1986, Faircloth Amendment of 1998 and housing subsidy cuts, 2008 limits on low-income housing loans including by Dodd-Frank); Add 43,000,000 acre-feet of water storage and solve California floods and Western U.S. droughts see mjbarkl.com/floods.txt and floods.htm; solve our gun problem;

I have met more than 50,000 of you at your front doors over the past decade. I live in Manteca, less than 120 minutes away from most of you. My home email, phone, and home address are on that platform page. Please email me any questions and comments you might have or invite me over for a chat. I need your vote, please vote for me.

Thank you and best wishes, Mike Barkley

/s/ Michael J. "Mike" Barkley

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Member of the State Assembly, District 1
HEATHER HADWICK
Farmer/Emergency Manager

I'm a farmer, emergency manager, teacher, wife, and mother who sees how Sacramento ignores and neglects the people of our North State. It's time to change that. My priorities are:

Preventing catastrophic wildfires. Improve forest management and fully fund firefighter response. I was Deputy Director of Modoc County's Office of Emergency Services - responsible for evacuations, preparedness plans, and recovery efforts. I'll work to make sure people can get fire insurance!

Increasing water storage. Make sure farms and families get the water they need while protecting our watersheds.

Abolishing soft-on-crime laws. Hold criminals accountable for their actions, demand the federal government secure the border, and end California's "Sanctuary City" laws that protect illegal immigrant criminals from deportation.

Making food, housing, gas, healthcare and other daily needs more affordable. Get rid of unfair taxes and fees that nickel and dime us to death and protect Proposition 13 to stop property tax increases.

Getting schools back to basics. As a former school board President, teacher, and mom, I'm fighting to keep political agendas out of schools so students can spend time learning to read, write, and do math. I believe in parental choice and letting local school boards govern their districts.

I am pro-life, pro-Second Amendment, pro-property rights, and pro-parental rights.

I've been endorsed by California Professional Firefighters, CALFIRE Local 2881, the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, State Senator Brian Dahle, and Assemblywoman Megan Dahle.

/s/ Heather Hadwick

Member of the State Assembly, District 1
TENESSA AUDETTE
Businesswoman/Redding Mayor

My job is to fight for and represent Amador County: I will assign a dedicated field representative serving Amador and El Dorado Counties. Government needs to be more strategic and limited, prioritizing you.

We must protect our homes from catastrophic wildfires by reducing forest fuels, restoring the Timber Industry and local mills. Instead of reactive crisis management, we need to proactively manage resources and protect homeowners insurance so our communities thrive.

California is broken and the status quo will not fix it. Like you, I'm tired of the same bad policies producing the same bad results with no accountability. I'm a mom, small business owner, and Mayor of Redding. I'm also a Rotarian, local Chamber member, and Constitution Instructor.

My service on statewide Water, Transportation, Homelessness, and Land Use Boards means I know how to navigate the system to champion Amador County's values. Sacramento badly manages our tax dollars. I will fight to lower taxes and cost of living while protecting water for farms and ranches, and livestock from predators.

Active sheriffs overwhelmingly endorse me, including Modoc County Constitutional Sheriff Tex Dowdy, who said, "Tenessa is the only candidate I trust to support law enforcement, protect our rights, and fight for our values."

I'm pro-life. I stand for the 2nd amendment, parental rights, school choice, and removing sexually explicit material from schools.

Government is too big, and the people are suffering under its weight. I ask for your vote to help lift that burden and restore hope. Call me directly (530) 255-4033, www.VoteTenessa.com.

/s/ Tenessa Audette

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Member of the State Assembly, District 9
HEATH FLORA
Parent/Farmer/Assemblyman

As your Assembly Member, I educate my colleagues about the consequences legislation has on small businesses, working class families, and the most vulnerable in our communities. I will continue to speak for common sense and be a voice of fairness for Amador County. This year, I've sponsored legislation to combat wildfires and introduced multiple bills to strengthen law enforcement's ability to protect children from human traffickers. I've also advanced legislation to take action against retail theft and fentanyl in our neighborhoods.

Assisting and advocating for our constituents facing the bureaucracy of California is a main focus of our office. Our district office has assisted thousands of constituents dealing with various state agencies. We encourage anyone facing a bureaucrat problem to contact our office by emailing Assemblymember.Flora@Assembly.ca.gov

You may have noticed that our campaign doesn't rely on flashy signs, dramatic ads, or stuff your mailbox full of political mail. Instead of seeking out photo opportunities or worrying about how others perceive our office, we work with people in our community and across our state to make California a better place to live and do business.

Whether you are a Democrat, Republican or Independent we must put the concerns and needs of our community above partisan politics. As your Representative-I have done just that. I would be honored to continue to serve as your Representative, I humbly ask for your vote.

Sincerely,

/s/ Heath Flora
(209)850-3060

ATTENTION VOTERS

For the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election all of our Vote Centers will have Spanish facsimile ballots that voters can use as a reference when voting. To get a list of Vote Centers or to request to have a Spanish facsimile ballot sent to you before Election Day, please visit our website at Amador.Vote or call our office at (209) 223-6465.

If you need assistance when voting, you may bring up to two people with you to a Vote Center, as long as they are not representatives of your employer or your union. Bring a family member or friend!

LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

In addition to translated facsimile ballots in Spanish, every Vote Center in Amador County, as well as our Elections Office, is equipped with a device that provides language translation services via video in dozens of languages including Spanish and American Sign Language. Simply approach a Vote Center worker for access to this service. Additional information is available at Amador.Vote

ATENCIÓN VOTANTES

Para las Elecciones General Presidencial del 5 de noviembre de 2024, todos nuestros Centros de Votación tendrán boletas facsímil en español que los votantes pueden usar como referencia al votar. Para obtener una lista de los Centros de Votación o para solicitar que se le envíe una boleta facsímil en español antes del día de las elecciones, visite nuestro sitio web en Amador.Vote o llame a nuestra oficina al (209) 223-6465.

Si necesita ayuda al votar, puede llevar hasta dos personas con usted a un Centro de Votación, siempre y cuando no sean representantes de su empleador o su sindicato. ¡Trae a un familiar o amigo!

ASISTENCIA CON EL IDIOMA

Además de las boletas de facsímil en español, todos los Centros de Votación en el condado de Amador, así como nuestra oficina de elecciones, están equipados con un dispositivo que brinda servicios de traducción de idiomas a través de video en docenas de idiomas, incluido el español y el lenguaje de señas estadounidense. Simplemente acérquese a un trabajador del Centro de Votación para acceder a este servicio. Información adicional está disponible en Amador.Vote

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Amador County Unified School District, Trustee Area 4
JEREMY EDWARDS
Businessman/Parent

My name is Jeremy Edwards and I'm running for Amador County District 4 School Board Member.
I have lived in Amador County for over 45 years. I went to school in Amador County, raised my four children here, and sent them to Amador County schools. I have been a volunteer coach in our community for over 20 years. I have owned and operated a business in Sutter Creek for 25 years which has given me some unique skills and experiences in finance and business. In addition, being married to a teacher has also given me insight and understanding into the importance of a strong school system.

I believe the next few years will be filled with crucial decisions for our school board. These decisions will impact education in Amador County for the foreseeable future. The experiences, relationships, and skills I have gained through business, coaching, marriage and parenting will help me to make the best decisions for all the families that I will be representing.

My main reason for running for this position is rooted in my belief that Amador County schools are a vital part of this community and I want to do all I can to support the staff and students that depend on the school board to make wise decisions.

/s/ Jeremy Edwards

Amador County Unified School District, Trustee Area 4
PETER GALE
Educator/Parent/Veteran

My name is Peter Gale. I am running to represent District 4—Pine Grove and Sutter Creek —on the Amador County School Board. As a 12-year resident of Sutter Creek, a father of graduates from Amador County schools, and a 26-year secondary education teacher, I know that my voice will clarify communication between the Amador district leadership and community members.

Amador schools face big challenges. This includes our recent change in district superintendent and our school board's decision to consolidate our high schools and junior high schools. If we are to walk the consolidation road, our students and community members deserve to have their voices heard in deciding how consolidation will occur, and how we will pay for it.

I believe in Amador County schools. I believe in our staff and in our mission to inspire Amador County students to achieve success in safe environments. To do this, our schools must be free from agendas that distract from our core mission. As adult community members, we are here for students, and I am here for you. Please lend your voice to mine. Vote for me—Peter Gale—to represent you on the ACUSD school board for District 4.

/s/ Peter Gale

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Amador County Unified School District, Trustee Area 5
KEN FARRAR
Business Owner/Parent

My name is Ken Farrar. I have been a resident of Amador County since 1977. My family has a long history in education, with my dad, Bob Hansen, serving as a teacher and assistant principal at Plymouth and Ione Junior High, and my mom, Linda Hansen, worked for many years as the school secretary Jackson Elementary School. Both myself and my wife, Lisa, attended Amador County Schools and graduated from Amador High School as well as both of our sons, Tucker and Dylan. My background is rooted in the construction industry where I have been a business owner for over 30 years. I am running for the School Board Seat for District 5 because I recognize the crucial role this position plays in shaping the future of our school district, especially with current consolidation efforts and the selection of our third Superintendent in the past five years.

I would be honored to have your vote, together we can shape the direction of our school district for many years to come. I can be reached at 209-245-3676 to discuss how we can work together to shape our district to provide the best education for our children moving forward.

/s/ Ken Farrar

Amador County Unified School District, Trustee Area 5
DIANNE S. BENNETT
Educator/Community Advocate

Dear Amador County Unified School District Community,
My name is Dianne Bennett, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for district 5 school board member for the Amador County Unified School District. As a dedicated teacher with 10 years of experience in education and a passionate community advocate, I believe I am uniquely qualified to serve and support our schools, students, and families.

My priorities include halting the current consolidation plans, stopping the blank check spending for consolidation, ensuring fiscal responsibility, supporting teachers and staff, and enhancing community involvement.

As a long-time resident of Amador County, I am deeply invested in the success of our schools and the well-being of our children. I believe that by working together, we can create a brighter future for all students in our district. I am committed to listening to your concerns, advocating for your needs, and making decisions that reflect the values of our community.

I humbly ask for your support in the upcoming election. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our students, teachers, and families.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianne S. Bennett

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County Supervisor, District 2
DAN EPPERSON
Pastor/Instructor/Chaplain

Proud Ione resident and Pastor of King's View Church for 22 years, happily married 30 years with 4 children, Epperson is a certified Hunter Education Instructor and has taught in Ione for 18 years. As a 20-year member of the Ione Business Community Association (a dedicated group who continues to enhance what is good about Ione), he was part of the team who built the dog park, organized the downtown light and sound project, and installed the historical plaques in downtown Ione. Ione elected Epperson to three terms as councilman and was selected as the mayor of Ione for an unprecedented five terms by the council. Epperson served on the Amador County Transportation Commission, Regional Transportation Mitigation Fund, Amador County Recreation Agency, the warden's committee at Mule Creek State Prison, the finance and budget committees, and several others.

Currently, Epperson serves as a Chaplain with the Amador County Sheriff's Office, Nexus Youth and Family Services board member, Ione Business Community Association board member, and coordinates the Sutter Amador Hospital Chaplains.

I will use my valuable experience to keep Amador County headed in the right direction, listen to the people, and bring the accountability we deserve. I will continue to be a positive force to help us maintain the quality of life we all came here for. More information is available at www.depperson43.wixsite.com/danepperson4d2

/s/ Dan Epperson

County Supervisor, District 2
JACK MITCHELL
Publisher/Businessman/Firefighter

My wife and I have been married for 27 years and are the proud parents of 3 adult children all residing in Ione. We have called Amador County home for 23 years, living in Ione for the past 14 years. I have served on numerous boards including past president of Operation Care, Amador County Chamber of Commerce, and Amador Secret Witness. I work with numerous philanthropies, business organizations, and am a Paul Harris Rotary recipient. And at the age of 50, I became a proud volunteer firefighter for the City of Ione Fire Department.

As Publisher of the Ledger Dispatch for 23 years I have had the opportunity to serve not only District 2 but all of Amador County. In 2022, I saw a need for change on the Ione City Council and was elected to serve the community. While not spending a career entrenched in politics, I have spent a great deal of time following local politics and listening to the community. I believe in accountability and full transparency. I am committed to serving District 2. Preserving our past and securing our future.

I would be honored to be your representative for Amador County Supervisor District 2.

Email: JackMitchell4D2Supervisor@gmail.com

/s/ Jack Mitchell

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City of Ione, Councilmember
GREG MORRIS
Retired Attorney

I see this as an opportunity to work for every one of you. I bring experience and a demonstrated ability to work hard. Make no mistake, it may be my name on the ballot, but if I am elected, I intend to make your voice, your concerns, and your issues the forefront of what I will work to achieve.

At the end of the day, this position is about service, and I have spent a lifetime in service, in the military, as a police officer, as city staff, and as an attorney representing school districts and similar clients.

I am asking for your vote so I can go to work, for you and for me, in our shared home here in Ione.

USAF 4 years; Mountain View police officer; City of Saratoga city staff; B.A Stanford University; law degree, Outstanding Graduate, University of Santa Clara; Certificate in Municipal Management, University of Santa Clara; law clerk, California Supreme Court; Sunnyvale City Councilmember; Attorney, Los Angeles Unified School District, State of Wyoming Department of Education, State of South Carolina Department of Education, national association of school districts 600+ members; Attorney/advocate at local, state and federal level; President, California Health Agencies Drive.

/s/ Greg Morris

City of Plymouth, Councilmember – Full Term
MARIANNE J. AKERLAND
Incumbent

As an incumbent running for re-election to the City Council, I bring experience and awareness of the issues facing our City to my candidacy. My tenure has been marked by a commitment to understanding the challenges we encounter and working to address them. I pride myself on being open-minded and dedicated to doing thorough research to ensure well-informed decisions that benefit our entire community.

Respecting the voices of everyone in our community is at the core of my approach. I believe in listening to and representing everyone to foster an inclusive and representative government. Your concerns, ideas, and feedback are invaluable in shaping our City's progress, and I am committed to continuing this collaborative spirit.

Serving you for the past four years, with two as Mayor, has been an honor and a humbling experience. I am eager to continue to work for the next four years, for the betterment of our entire community.

Together, we can achieve a vibrant and prosperous community for all. Thank you for your trust and support.

/s/ Marianne J. Akerland

City of Plymouth, Councilmember – Short Term
DON NUNN
Firefighter

I have lived in Amador County since I was 6 years old, and have been a Plymouth resident since 2012. In the last several years, I have become deeply concerned about the future of our small town in the face of anticipated growth and current City policies. I believe our community stands at a pivotal crossroads, and I am running for Plymouth City Council to help ensure that our development aligns with the community's shared values and vision for the future.

During my term of office, I will work on your behalf to improve communications between the City Council and the public; to increase law enforcement coverage within the City limits; to demand accurate, transparent, and timely City financial reporting and grant administration; and to welcome and incorporate feedback from the community when developing and implementing City programs and projects. Please vote for me in November so I can get to work making our great City even better.

/s/ Don Nunn

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City of Sutter Creek, Councilmember
CLAIRE D. GUNSELMAN
Incumbent

Serving on your city council has reinforced my belief that the core responsibility of a councilperson is to listen. Listen to identify what attributes of our city are most valued by residents and ensure that these are preserved as the city evolves. Listen to ideas and address long-standing questions. As we strive to enhance city services within our budget, we must review and, if necessary, revise longstanding policies and practices to ensure they continue to serve our interests. We should explore new opportunities and revisit old ideas for partnerships, regionalization, and innovation. All while listening to concerns and prioritizing those that affect our citizens most. The objectives and aspirations for our city must be set by our people.

Growing up in Sutter Creek, my family and our neighbors demonstrated that service, participation, and working together safeguarded the vitality of our city. Raising my own children here, I hope to provide that same example. I am committed to Sutter Creek and deeply motivated to preserve her integrity for future generations.

I ask for your vote to continue this work, guided by our collective vision and dedicated to the betterment of our city.

/s/ Claire D. Gunselman

City of Sutter Creek, Councilmember
DAN RIORDAN
Appointed Incumbent

My wife, Lottie Tone, and I have lived and have raised our 3 children in Sutter Creek for almost 45 years. During that time I have held multiple management positions with companies including Blue Shield of California, Intel, TRW, First 5 Amador, and Hospice of Amador & Calaveras. I retired after working for 10 years as the Executive Director of Hospice. During those 10 years I was honored to work with families during one of the most significant times of their lives. I learned a lot about how to listen deeply to each person's story without any consideration of political views or religious beliefs. We all deserve that. If elected, I promise to continue to listen carefully to anyone who cares to share a concern or opinion about our fine City of Sutter Creek. I believe that we can solve our local challenges together by respecting each other's view points and creating solutions based on careful and thoughtful analysis of all of the facts. During my first year as a city council person I also served as a Board Member of Amador Transit and as a Commissioner on the Amador County Transportation Commission. I look forward to continuing to serve and support smart solutions for the City of Sutter Creek and I appreciate your vote. Thank you

/s/ Dan Riordan

City of Sutter Creek, Councilmember
JULIA SIERK
Incumbent

I have been privileged to serve on your Sutter Creek City Council for the last four years. As a retired educator, I can relate with the struggles over our tough financial decisions. Two years ago the council agreed on establishing specific priorities for our community. The most significant priorities I stand behind are financial responsibility, safety, and transparency.

As a member of the Amador County Recreation Agency Board and Amador County Bike-Pedestrian Committee, I have proposed specific improvements to our local roadways and intersections that can provide safer roads and access for our residents and visitors. I believe in the city's continuing support of our Visitor Center and am proud of our volunteers who are ambassadors to our visitors.

We have faced several difficult decisions in trying to secure a sustainable budget, plan for our sewer system, and establish a positive economic future for Sutter Creek. While these difficult decisions have been made, the follow-through will be with us for years to come. There is much more work to be done and I hope to continue in being part of that work over the next four years. Thank you.

/s/ Julia Sierk

MEASURE Q
AMADOR COUNTY

UNINCORPORATED COUNTY SALES TAX FOR ROADS.

Shall an ordinance be adopted authorizing a 3/4-cent (0.75%) sales tax on retail transactions in the unincorporated area of the County for a ten-year period, providing approximately $ 3.4 Million annually to be used solely for the repair, maintenance and improvement of local county roads? **Supporters:** Measure Q Committee **Opponents:** None submitted

Yes

No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Q

The Amador County Board of Supervisors has proposed a retail transactions and use tax ("sales tax") of three-quarters of one cent per dollar (0.75%), with the revenue to be used exclusively to carry out necessary road repair, maintenance, and improvement projects on local County roads. The tax would apply only in the unincorporated area of the County, and would expire automatically after ten years, unless specifically extended by voters.

If approved by two-thirds of the unincorporated area voters who vote on this measure, the measure will pass and the sales tax would go into effect in the unincorporated area of the County on April 1, 2025. The estimated annual revenue generated by this measure is approximately $3.4 Million. Pursuant to the proposed Expenditure Plan, the Amador County Board of Supervisors must consider and approve the various local road repair, maintenance, and improvement projects funded by this measure at an open and public meeting.

A "YES" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of imposing a sales tax for roads. A "NO" vote on this measure is a vote against imposing a sales tax for roads. If approved, this measure would increase the unincorporated area sales tax from 7.75% to 8.50%. If the measure is not approved, the unincorporated area sales tax would remain at 7.75%.

/s/ Greg G. Gillott, County Counsel, Amador County

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

Amador County's road system is in grave need of significant repair. Unfortunately, the funding sources that are dedicated to that work are barely enough to keep up with the routine maintenance. Funds are needed for larger repair projects such as overlays and major culvert replacement projects.

Currently, Amador County receives about $2.2 million per year in routine gas taxes. That is combined with about $820,000 from the General Fund, and these funds are used to pay for the 24 employees, equipment and materials that are needed for routine maintenance, as well as snow plowing during the winter. There are no other General Funds routinely committed to road maintenance. With SB1 at the State level, the County has started to receive another $2.3 million per year that is being dedicated to addressing this maintenance deficiency, but it is not going to be enough to get ahead of our rapidly deteriorating roads. We estimate that an annual investment of about $8 million per year is needed to perform the proper capital maintenance on all of the roads within the unincorporated County.

Measure Q is a .75% tax collected on sales in the unincorporated areas of the County. That is 75 cents for every $100.00 spent. This new tax will end in ten years. The $4.3 million generated annually by this tax will only be used for paving and improving existing County roads and applied to the greatest needs in all five districts.

The projects will be designed to minimize permitting requirements and design costs. This work will be monitored by a Citizens Oversight Committee (one citizen from each District). The projects will not require any additional County staff.

An investment like this will make a significant improvement on our County's roads.

/s/ The Measure Q Committee

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE Q

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR
IMPOSING A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION AND ADDING CHAPTER 3.15 TO THE AMADOR COUNTY CODE

The People of the County of Amador do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The Amador County Code is hereby amended by adding this Chapter 3.15, which shall read as follows:

"3.15.010. Title and Effect. This ordinance shall be known as the Amador County Roads Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The County of Amador, hereinafter shall be called "County" or "District." This ordinance shall be applicable in the *unincorporated* territory of the County.

3.15.020. Operative Date. "Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

3.15.030. Purpose. This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.5 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the County to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a (2/3) majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefor that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3.15.040. Expenditure Plan. The proceeds of the Amador County Roads Transaction and Use Tax, net of the amount of fees paid to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA), shall be spent solely for carrying out maintenance, repair, and improvement of county streets, roads, and highways as determined from time to time by the Board of Supervisors at an open and public meeting. Allowable expenditures related to these activities include, but are not limited to, planning, environmental review, engineering and design, related right of-way acquisition, construction, project management, and administration.

3.15.050 Contract with State. Prior to the operative date, the County shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance; provided, that if the County shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

3.15.060. Transaction and Tax Rate. For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the *unincorporated* territory of the District at the rate of 0.75 % of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

3.15.070. Place of Sale. For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

3.15.080. Use Tax Rate. An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the District of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.75 % of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

3.15.090. Adoption of Provisions of State Law. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

3.15.100. Limitations on Adoption of State law and Collection of Use Taxes. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this County shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this County or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or;

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "District" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. “A retailer engaged in business in the District” shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

3.15.110. Permit Not Required. If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

3.15.120. Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the District which is shipped to a point outside the District, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the District shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-District address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-District and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this District of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the District shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the District or participates within the District in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the district or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the District under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the District.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

3.15.130. Amendments. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

3.15.140. Enjoining Collection Forbidden. No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the County, or against any officer of the State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3.15.150. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3.15.160. Effective Date. This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the District transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

3.15.170. Termination Date. The authority to levy the tax imposed by this ordinance shall expire automatically 10 years from the Operative Date, unless extended by voters pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.5.

MEASURE L
CITY OF IONE

APPOINTIVE CITY CLERK.

Shall the office of City Clerk be appointive? **Supporters:** Alison LaFayne **Opponents:** None submitted

Yes

No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L

By State law, the city clerk of any general law city is an elective office unless, following approval by the voters of the city, such office is made appointive. The Office of City Clerk of the City of Ione is presently an elective office.

Measure L asks Ione Voters whether the office of City Clerk for the City of Ione should be an appointed rather than an elected position. The City Council placed Measure L on the ballot by adopting Resolution 2024-14.

This Measure, if adopted, will make the position of City Clerk an appointed office and the City Council shall appoint a City Clerk at the expiration of the term of the person elected to the City Clerk position in 2024, which expires in 2028, or upon the vacancy in the office, whichever occurs first. Such appointed City Clerk will hold office at the pleasure of the City Council without a specific term.

If the Measure does not pass, the City Clerk will continue to be an elective office.

/s/ Andy Pinasco
City Attorney
City of Ione

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

A Yes vote on Measure L ensures the appointment of Ione's City Clerk, is based on qualifying experience, not the result of a political campaign. The public should expect efficiency, with duties performed in a neutral and unbiased manner. Given the State's minimal requirements, local municipalities have taken the matter into their own hands, with 80% of cities moving towards an appointed position to better serve the needs of the community.

Municipal government has become increasingly complex and forever changing. City Clerks must have a current understanding of elections, political practices law, open meetings, produce accurate transcriptions of minute recordings, conflicts-of-interest, contract practices, city record retention, and maintain the compliance and integrity of city documents under the Public Records Act.

Precedent in Amador County has already been set as a majority of voters in Sutter Creek opted for an appointed Clerk. The City of Ione now joins Plymouth on this year's ballot, while the City of Jackson chose a different route, limiting the elected position's duties and hiring a Deputy Clerk to perform a majority of the integral and complex tasks. These decisions, ensure all executive staff are subject to a competitive recruitment process, held equally accountable, and subject to performance reviews.

If the position remains elected, the minimal requirements are as follows: Candidates must be a registered voter within the City of Ione, 18 years of age and not convicted of certain crimes. These limited conditions are prime examples of why the position needs to be appointed. If Measure L is approved by the voters, it will not take effect until the end of the elected clerk's term in 2029.

/s/ Alison LaFayne, Mayor, City of Ione

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE L

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF IONE, CALIFORNIA REMOVING SECTION 2.08.050 OF CHAPTER 2.08 OF TITLE 2 AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.09 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CITY OF IONE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE APPOINTIVE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE MEASURE AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 36502, the office of Ione City Clerk is currently an elective office; and
WHEREAS, Government Code section 36508 and Elections Code 9222 authorize the City Council to submit to the electors the question of whether the elective City Clerk shall be an appointive office and, if a majority of voters voting on the measure approve it, the office shall become appointive; and
WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, pursuant to State law, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-14 submitting this ordinance to the voters at the General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024; and
WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, the People of the City of Ione do ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 2.08.050 of Chapter 2.08 of Title 2 of the Ione Municipal Code is hereby deleted and removed in its entirety.
Section 2: Chapter 2.09 of Title 2 of the Ione Municipal Code is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2.09 City Clerk
2.09.010 – Office established – Appointment and compensation

Pursuant to California law, there is hereby established the office of City Clerk. The City Clerk shall be appointed by, and shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and shall not be required to be a resident or elector of the City. The City Clerk shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed from time to time by resolution or ordinance of the City Council. Notwithstanding the above, pursuant to Government Code section 36510, the City Council may, by ordinance, vest in the City Manager its authority to appoint the City Clerk.

2.09.020 – Powers and Duties

The City clerk shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities granted to and imposed upon the office of the City Clerk pursuant to the following:

A. The provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 3 of Title 4 of the California Government Code (commencing with section 40801), as amended from time to time, with the exception of the financial and accounting duties set forth in Government Code sections 40802 through 40805;
B. Other general laws of the State, with the exception of those financial powers and duties imposed upon the City Clerk by Title 4, Division 3, Part 2, Chapter 4 of the Government Code (commencing with section 37201), as amended from time to time;
C. The provisions of this Code;
D. The ordinances and resolutions of the City Council.

The principal functions of the City Clerk shall be to:

A. Attend all meetings of the City Council and be responsible for the recording and maintenance of a record of all actions of the Council;
B. Keep all ordinances and resolutions of the Council in such a manner that the information contained therein will be readily accessible and open to the public. The City Clerk shall attach to the original copy of each ordinance a certificate which shall state the date the ordinance was adopted and, as to an ordinance requiring publication and/or posting, that the ordinance has been published and/or posted in accordance with law;
C. Keep all records of the Council and of the office of the City Clerk in such a manner that the information contained therein will be readily accessible and open to the public until such time as any of the records may be destroyed or reproduced and the original destroyed in accordance with State law;
D. Serve as the official custodian of all City records;
E. Be the custodian of the seal of the City;
F. Prepare the Council agendas, in conjunction with and under the direction of the City Manager and City Policy;
G. Perform the duties prescribed by the Elections Code in conducting municipal elections, except where said election duties are performed by the Amador County Registrar of Voters or similar agency;
H. Perform the duties imposed upon City Clerks by the Political Reform Act;
I. Be responsible for the publication of all official advertising required by law with respect to matters coming before the City Council;
J. Be responsible for the maintenance and distribution of the Municipal Code;
K. Be responsible for accepting all claims filed against the City and its officers, agents or employees, pursuant to Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 3 of Division 3.6 of the Government Code, as it amended from time to time, and Chapter 2.60 of Title 2 of this Code;
L. Perform other such duties consistent with this Code as may be required of the City Clerk by the City Council or City Manager."

Section 3: If this ordinance is passed by a majority of Ione voters voting on the matter at the November 5, 2024, general municipal election, it shall take effect 10 days after the City Council declares and certifies the results of the election by resolution. The position of City Clerk shall be filled by appointment thereafter upon the earlier of either a vacancy in the office or at the expiration of the current term of office of the incumbent (i.e. December 2028).
Section 4: If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of the ordinance. The People declare that they would have adopted this ordinance, and each part of it, irrespective of the possibility that some part or parts of it might be declared invalid or unconstitutional.
Section 5: The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance at least once, within 15 days after the election results are certified, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of Ione.

MEASURE M
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Shall the office of Plymouth City Treasurer be appointive? **Supporters:** James Wise; Jolinda A. Sim; Diane Wright; Roger Wright; Michael Spinetta **Opponents:** None submitted

Yes

No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

City Treasurers may either be appointed or elected. The office of City Treasurer for the City of Plymouth is currently an elected office.

An elected City Treasurer must reside and be registered to vote in the City where they hold office. No minimum training or experience qualifications apply to elected City Treasurers.

An appointed City Treasurer is not subject to residency requirements, and the City Council may set education and training requirements and review the City Treasurer's performance annually. California Government Code section 36508 permits a city council to submit to the electors the question of whether an elective office, other than that of a City Council member, shall be made appointive.

The Plymouth City Council directed that a measure be submitted to Plymouth voters pursuant to Government Code section 36508 concerning whether the office of Plymouth City Treasurer shall be made appointive.

A "yes" vote on this measure would approve of making the office of Plymouth City Treasurer appointive. If a majority of Plymouth voters approve this measure, the office of Plymouth City Treasurer will thereafter be an appointive position, holding office at the pleasure of the City Council and be subject to City terms of employment and personnel policies and procedures.

A "no" vote on this measure would disapprove of making the office of Plymouth City Treasurer appointive. If a majority of Plymouth voters reject the measure, the office of Plymouth City Treasurer will remain an elective office.

/s/ Frank A. Splendorio
Plymouth City Attorney

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M

A Yes vote on Measure M ensures the appointment of Plymouth's City Treasurer, is based on qualifying experience, not the result of a political campaign. The public should expect efficiency, with duties performed in a neutral and unbiased manner. Given the State's minimal requirements, local municipalities have taken the matter into their own hands, with 70% of cities moving towards an appointed position to better serve the needs of the community.

Municipal government has become increasingly complex and forever changing. City Treasurers must have a current understanding of current municipal finance, investment procedures, and reporting of financial expenditures and revenues.

Major legally obligated tasks of the City Treasurer are to submit a monthly accounting report, establish written procedures for investments, be responsible for investments, establish control for investments, designate a third-party custodian for investments, provide quarterly investment reports and chair the investment committee.

If the position remains elected, the minimal requirements are as follows: Candidates must be a registered voter within the City of Plymouth, 18 years of age and not convicted of certain crimes. These limited conditions are prime examples of why the position needs to be appointed. If Measure M is approved by the voters, it will not take effect until the end of the elected Treasurer's term in 2029.

/s/ James Wise, Citizen
/s/ Jolinda A. Sim, Citizen
/s/ Diane Wright, Citizen
/s/ Roger Wright, Citizen
/s/ Michael Spinetta, Citizen

MEASURE O
CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Shall the office of Plymouth City Clerk be appointive? **Supporters**: James Wise; Jolinda A. Sim; Diane Wright; Roger Wright; Michael Spinetta **Opponents:** None submitted

Yes

No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE O

City Clerks may either be appointed or elected. The office of City Clerk for the City of Plymouth is currently an elected office.

An elected City Clerk must reside and be registered to vote in the City where they hold office. No minimum training or experience qualifications apply to elected City Clerks.

An appointed City Clerk is not subject to state law residency requirements, and the City Council may set education and training requirements and review the City Clerk's performance annually. California Government Code section 36508 permits a City Council to submit to the electors the question of whether an elective office, other than that of city council member, shall be made appointive.

The Plymouth City Council directed that a measure be submitted to Plymouth voters pursuant to Government Code section 36508 concerning whether the office of Plymouth City Clerk shall be made appointive.

A "yes" vote on this measure would approve of making the office of Plymouth City Clerk appointive. If a majority of Plymouth voters approve this measure, the office of Plymouth City Clerk will thereafter be an appointive position, holding office at the pleasure of the City Council and be subject to City terms of employment and personnel policies and procedures.

A "no" vote on this measure would disapprove of making the office of Plymouth City Clerk appointive. If a majority of Plymouth voters reject the measure, the office of Plymouth City Clerk will remain an elective office.

/s/ Frank A. Splendorio
Plymouth City Attorney

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

A Yes vote on Measure O ensures the appointment of Plymouth's City Clerk, is based on qualifying experience, not the result of a political campaign. The public should expect efficiency, with duties performed in a neutral and unbiased manner. Given the State's minimal requirements, local municipalities have taken the matter into their own hands, with 80% of cities moving towards an appointed position to better serve the needs of the community.

Municipal government has become increasingly complex and forever changing. City Clerks must have a current understanding of elections, political practices law, open meetings, produce accurate transcriptions of minute recordings, conflicts-of-interest, contract practices, city record retention, and maintain the compliance and integrity of city documents under the Public Records Act.

Precedent in Amador County has already been set as a majority of voters in Sutter Creek opted for an appointed Clerk. The City of Plymouth now joins Ione on this year's ballot, while the City of Jackson chose a different route, limiting the elected position's duties and hiring a Deputy Clerk to perform a majority of the integral and complex tasks. These decisions, ensure all executive staff are subject to a competitive recruitment process, held equally accountable, and subject to performance reviews.

If the position remains elected, the minimal requirements are as follows: Candidates must be a registered voter within the City of Plymouth, 18 years of age and not convicted of certain crimes. These limited conditions are prime examples of why the position needs to be appointed. If Measure O is approved by the voters, it will not take effect until the end of the elected clerk's term in 2029.

/s/ James Wise, Citizen
/s/ Jolinda A. Sim, Citizen
/s/ Diane Wright, Citizen
/s/ Roger Wright, Citizen
/s/ Michael Spinetta, Citizen

MEASURE P
CITY OF SUTTER CREEK

Sutter Creek Local Control Measure.

To provide locally controlled funding for Sutter Creek essential services such as repairing roads, potholes and storm drains; maintaining rapid emergency response/ police patrols; preventing wildfires; and for general government purposes, shall the City of Sutter Creek's measure be adopted establishing a 1% sales tax paid by residents and visitors, exempting essential purchases like groceries/ prescription medicine, providing approximately $579,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring public spending disclosure, independent audits, all funds used locally? **Supporters:** Claire Gunselman;Julia Sierk **Opponents:** None submitted

Yes No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE P

The Sutter Creek City Council has unanimously placed Measure P on the November 5, 2024 ballot. If approved by voters, Measure P would generate additional municipal revenues by imposing a one percent local add-on transactions and use tax.

A "transactions and use" tax is often referred to as a "sales" tax. When such a tax is charged, it is added to every dollar charged for taxable items sold. Retailers collect the tax and forward it to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which allocates the tax revenue to the city.

If approved, Measure P would generate an estimated $579,000 annually in revenue for city government. Because Measure P does not limit the use of tax revenue to a specific purpose, the city may use the revenue for a variety of purposes, including improving aging infrastructure, repairing potholes, maintaining city roads, and repairing storm drains. Tax funds may also be used to protect public safety by maintaining rapid emergency response times, attracting and retaining qualified police officers for police patrols, and managing flammable brush and vegetation to prevent wildfires.

If voters approve Measure P, the transactions and use tax would be subject to independent annual financial audits. The tax would be charged unless voters repeal or reduce it by a future initiative measure.

A "Yes" vote for Measure P is a vote to approve the imposition of the transaction and use tax.

A "No" vote is a vote against the imposition of the tax.

Measure P would be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

/s/ Derek Cole
Sutter Creek City Attorney

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

After many months of research, analysis, and discussion, your Sutter Creek City Council voted unanimously to place Measure P on the ballot. This is a self-help measure that would raise sales tax in Sutter Creek to 8.75%. Over 220 cities throughout California currently have an 8.75% tax rate or greater including our neighbors in Sonora, Stockton, Grass Valley and Lathrop.

The city has not been able to afford to address important infrastructure repairs and improvements for many years. Sutter Creek's 15 miles of roads are in extremely poor condition with many rated as "failing". Storm drains throughout the city have an average age of 45 years. Our historic city facilities require maintenance for their preservation and updates for efficiency.

If not Measure P, then what? Our revenue is constrained by our geography, population, economy, and limited growth. Sutter Creek's general fund revenue comes primarily from property tax paid by residents and sales tax on transactions made within the city limits. Only about 4% of your property tax payments and 1 cent for each dollar of taxable sales comes back to Sutter Creek. Measure P adds a 1% local sales tax with All Funds Remaining in Sutter Creek. Tourist's and resident's local purchases will directly support local services and community improvements.

Measure P will generate about $600,000 annually directly into our city's general fund. This revenue will also be leveraged to help secure state and federal matching grants, bringing more of our resident's tax money back into our community. Please join us in voting Yes on P and invest in Sutter Creek.

/s/ Claire Gunselman, Mayor, City of Sutter Creek
/s/ Julia Sierk, Vice Mayor, City of Sutter Creek

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE P

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SUTTER CREEK ENACTING CHAPTER 4.06 OF THE SUTTER CREEK MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF TRANSACTION AND USE TAXES

The People of the City of Sutter Creek, California do ordain asfollows:

Section 1
Chapter 4.06 of the Sutter Creek Municipal Code is enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4.06 – TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAXES

4.06.010 Title.
This chapter shall be known as the "Sutter Creek Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance". The City of Sutter Creek hereinafter shall be called "city". This chapter shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the city.

4.06.020 Operative Date.
For purposes of this chapter, "operative date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this chapter.

4.06.030 Purpose.
This chapter is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6 (commencing with section 7251) and California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9, which authorizes the city to adopt this tax chapter, which shall be operative if a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in the California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, part 1.6.
C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.
D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter

4.06.040 Contract with State.
Prior to the operative date, the city shall contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax chapter; provided, that if the city shall not have contracted with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

4.06.050 Transactions Tax Rate.
For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the city at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the territory on and after the operative date of this chapter.

4.06.060 Place of Sale.
For the purposes of this chapter, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his or her agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the state or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

4.06.080 Use Tax Rate.
An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use, or other consumption in the city of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this chapter for storage, use, or other consumption in such territory at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

4.06.090 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.
Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6, all of the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1 (commencing with section 6001) are hereby adopted and made a part of this chapter as though fully set forth herein.

4.06.100 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this city shall be substituted therefore. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Board of Control, State Board of Equalization, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;
2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this city or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this chapter.
3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

   a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the state under the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1, or;
   b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.
4. In California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797 or 6828.

B. The word "district" shall be substituted for the word "state" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this state" in section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the district" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

4.06.110 Permit not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under California Revenue and Taxation Code section 6067, an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this chapter.

4.06.120 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this state, the United States, or any foreign government.
2. Sales of property to be used outside the city, which is shipped to a point outside the city, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his or her agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the city shall be satisfied:

   a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to California Vehicle Code Division 3, Chapter 1 (commencing with section 4000), aircraft licensed in compliance with California Public Utilities Code section 21411, and undocumented vessels registered under California Vehicle Code Division 3.5 (commencing with section 9840) by registration to an out-of-city address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and
   b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-city and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this chapter.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs (B)(3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this chapter, the storage, use or other consumption in this city of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this state, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 6366 and 6366.1.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this chapter.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this chapter.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs (C)(3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in paragraph (C)(7) of this section, a retailer engaged in business in the city shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the city or participates within the city in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the city or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the city under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the city" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to California Vehicle Code Division 3, Chapter 1 (commencing with section 4000), aircraft licensed in compliance with California Public Utilities Code section 21411, or undocumented vessels registered under California Vehicle Code Division 3.5 (commencing with section 9840). That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the city.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this chapter may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6 with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

4.06.130 Amendments.

A. All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this chapter to California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1 relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6 and Part 1.7, and all amendments to California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6 and Part 1.7, shall automatically become a part of this chapter, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this chapter.

B. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9217 or any successor statute, the City Council of the City of Sutter Creek may amend or repeal this chapter in the manner prescribed for general city ordinances, but the City Council may not increase or extend the rate of tax imposed by the chapter, without the approval of the voters of the City of Sutter Creek voting on such question.

4.06.140 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City, or against any officer of the State or the City, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this chapter, or California Revenue and Taxation Code Division 2, Part 1.6, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

4.06.150 Use of Tax Proceeds.

All proceeds of the tax levied and imposed under this chapter shall be paid into the General Fund for use by the City of Sutter Creek.

4.06.160 Annual Audit.

By no later than December 31 of each year, the City's independent auditors shall complete a financial audit report to include the revenue raised and expended by this tax to be reflected in the city's budget.

4.06.170 Termination.

This chapter shall remain in effect until repealed by the voters of the city.