

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND NOTICE OF DATE FIXED FOR SUBMITTING ARGUMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following measure is to be voted on at the Special Municipal Election, to be held within the City of Merced, County of Merced, on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

MERCED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX . Generating approximately \$1,000,000 annually locally to fund Merced Police, Fire, Parks, Recreation services such as 911 emergency response; neighborhood-based policing; fire/gang prevention services; skilled police officers and firefighters; and safe, clean parks; shall the City of Merced adopt an ordinance authorizing an annual commercial cannabis business tax of up to: \$25 per square foot of cultivation space, or 10% of gross receipts until ended by voters, with independent citizens oversight? Yes/No

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that not later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 14, 2018**, is hereby fixed as the final date and time for the filing of arguments, not to exceed three hundred (300) words in length, in favor or against the measure. To be eligible for printing and distribution as provided by law, any such arguments must be received and filed with the **Merced County Registrar of Voters/ Elections Office, 2222 M St., Room 14, Merced CA 95340** no later than said date and time and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy, pursuant to California Elections Code section 9600, and be signed and dated by the proponent(s) and author(s), if different.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that if an argument in favor of and an argument against the measure are submitted, copies will be provided to the respective authors in order that they may submit a rebuttal argument not to exceed two hundred fifty (250) words. Rebuttal arguments must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 23, 2018**, and must also be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy, signed and dated by the author(s).

Dated: March 1, 2018

John Tresidder
Assistant City Clerk
City of Merced