



CITY OF HEMET
Hemet, California

RESOLUTION NO. 4703

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMET, CALIFORNIA STATING ITS INTENTION TO EXPEND ALL PROCEEDS OF THE TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX PROPOSED BY MEASURE "U" FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF HEMET IF MEASURE "U" IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Hemet seeks to maintain a safe community to live, work, and raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, since 2008, the City of Hemet has experienced a reduction in tax revenue that has resulted in reduction in police and fire department staffing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hemet Police Department reported that compounded by severe staffing reductions, Hemet has experienced a 51% increase in violent crime and a 21% increase in overall crime since 2010, which is reflected in a recent community survey in which over 60% of residents reported being fearful they would be the victim of a crime in Hemet and over 52% said they usually leave Hemet to shop or spend money on entertainment; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of parolees and sex offenders are being released from incarceration early because of state cuts to prisons and federal court orders; and

WHEREAS, the amount of crime, drug trafficking and homelessness in Hemet is hurting our local businesses and job market. People are going to other cities to do their shopping and businesses do not want to be located in a city that cannot provide adequate public safety services; and

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WHEREAS, the State of California has taken more than six million dollars from Hemet over the last five years and shifted responsibility for many programs back to local cities like Hemet without the necessary funding to provide the critical services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hemet Fire Department experienced a 40% reduction in staffing as a result of the recession, and a recent community survey showed that 88% of Hemet citizens are opposed to making any cuts to 9-1-1/Paramedic services; and

WHEREAS, due to the circumstances stated above, the City Council has approved the placement of a general purpose transactions and use tax on the November 8, 2016 ballot, that, if approved by a majority of the voters, would be imposed at a rate of 1% in accordance with state law and the proceeds of which would be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the City (hereinafter "Tax"); and

WHEREAS, the County Registrar of Voters has designated the Hemet general purpose transactions and use tax as Measure "U" for the November 8, 2016 election (hereinafter "Measure U"); and

WHEREAS, under the law, the Tax proposed by Measure U is a general purpose tax that may be used for all lawful purposes and general municipal services; and

WHEREAS, receiving proceeds Tax would enable the City to:

- add up to an estimated 39 new peace officers to the Hemet police force, a 57% increase in peace officer staffing;
- put more peace officers on the streets and fund anti-drug and gang teams to improve safety in our city;
- add paramedics to all Hemet Fire Stations to improve emergency life-saving response; and,

WHEREAS, the Hemet City Council commits to use all proceeds of that Tax as expressly stated in this Resolution if Measure U is passed by the voters at the November 8, 2016 election.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Hemet does hereby resolve:

1. That the above-referenced recitals are true and correct and material to this Resolution.
2. That the City Council shall dedicate 100% of the Tax proceeds to enhancing public safety services within the City and increasing funding for such services as provided in this Resolution.
3. That the City Council shall, as part of the City's normal budget process, annually prepare and adopt an expenditure plan for enhancing public safety services within the City, including application of the Tax proceeds. The expenditure plan shall be submitted to the citizens' oversight committee required by Measure U for their review and comment prior to the City Council's consideration and adoption of the expenditure plan. The expenditure plan shall be consistent with the requirements of this Resolution, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Tax proceeds shall be used exclusively to pay for costs associated with the citizens' oversight committee, the independent audit, and funding police protection and crime suppression services, fire protection and suppression services, and 9-1-1 / paramedic services within the City. The proceeds of the Tax may be expended on any and all regular and special expenses incurred for the operation and the provision of public safety services within the City and in response to mutual and automatic aid agreements, including, but not limited to: wages, benefits, and deferred compensation for police and fire personnel and the pro rata shares of such costs for other City personnel that support the police and fire services within the City; the purchase, operation and maintenance of vehicles and equipment including repairs, fuel and maintenance; the operation, maintenance, repair and retrofitting of existing property, buildings, improvements and other facilities necessary for police or fire purposes;

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risk management and legal services in defense of claims and legal actions against the City and public safety personnel, training, licensing and certification of police and fire personnel; and for utilizing contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and professional services directly related to enhancing police and fire services.

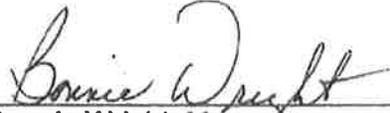
4. That each fiscal year, the Tax proceeds shall be allocated two-thirds to the City of Hemet Police Department, and one-third to the City of Hemet Fire Department.
5. That the City will not, in any fiscal year, reduce the percentage of general fund revenues budgeted and appropriated for Hemet police and fire services below 72% of the total general fund expenditure budget for the given fiscal year.
6. That prior to July 1, 2019, each expenditure plan and City of Hemet budget, inclusive of Tax proceeds, shall provide adequate funding for the City to annually, recruit, hire, equip, and support sworn peace officers and/or police academy cadets, in such a manner, and considering estimated tax proceeds to be received in each of these fiscal years, so that the City will attain a funded staffing ratio of 1.2 full time equivalent sworn peace officers per 1,000 City of Hemet residents ("mandatory staffing ratio") by July 1, 2019. After July 1, 2019, and until termination of the Tax, the City will budget for the mandatory staffing ratio and each expenditure plan and the City of Hemet budget shall provide adequate funding to maintain the mandatory staffing ratio.
7. The terms and provisions of this Resolution shall have no force and effect unless and until the voters voting at the November 8, 2016 election approve Measure U by the legally required vote count, and Measure U is otherwise legally operative.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 2016.

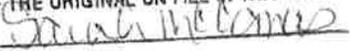

Bonnie Wright, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sarah McComas, City Clerk


Eric S. Vail, City Attorney

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State of California)
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City of Hemet)

I, Sarah McComas, City Clerk of the City of Hemet, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is the actual Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Hemet and was passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of August, 2016 by the following vote:

- AYES:** Council Members Krupa and Youssef, Mayor Pro Tem Raver and Mayor Wright
- NOES:** Council Member Milne
- ABSTAIN:**
- ABSENT:**


Sarah McComas, City Clerk