Resolution 04-20

RESOLUTION OF THE
JOHN C. FREMONT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA TO
ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRANSACTION AND USE SALES TAX
AND CALLING FOR ELECTION

Whereas, John C. Fremont Healthcare District has boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of Mariposa County; and

Whereas, the District operates John C. Fremont Hospital, the only hospital in Mariposa County, and

Whereas, John C. Fremont Hospital operates the only 24/7 emergency room in the County of Mariposa, where highly qualified doctors, nurses, and specialists provide life-saving medical care for victims of accidents, heart attacks, strokes and other medical emergencies; and

Whereas, the loss of the easily accessible emergency room would jeopardize the health of Mariposa's residents because time is of the essence in an emergency; and

Whereas, the expansion and modernization of the aging hospital building is necessary to house the appropriately updated facilities and increasingly sophisticated imaging and lab equipment that are essential to attract highly qualified doctors, nurses, and specialists and make it possible for them to do their lifesaving work, and

Whereas, under SB 1953, Chapter 740, Statutes of 1994, the State of California mandates that all hospitals must conform to seismic earthquake safety codes established by OSHPD (Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development) to protect hospitalized patients from seismic disasters by 2030, or must terminate their services; and

Whereas, John C. Fremont Hospital does not currently meet the seismic earthquake safety standards required by the State of California, and is therefore facing closure if it does not rebuild to the required OSHPD standards; and

Whereas, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.5, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County may adopt an ordinance by a 2/3 vote establishing a transaction and use tax, otherwise known as a sales tax, for specific purposes, and said transaction and use tax ordinance is effective if approved by a 2/3 vote of the electors within the County; and

Whereas, the District requests the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.5 for the purpose of augmenting revenues for rebuilding deficient parts of the hospital to current OSHPD seismic safety requirements in order to continue the provision of health care services for the residents of the County of Mariposa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:
1. That pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.5, the District requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa to adopt an ordinance establishing a countywide transaction and use tax, otherwise known as a sales tax, conforming to Part 1.6, commencing with Section 7527 of the Revenue and Taxation Code at a rate of one percent (1%) for the purpose set forth below. Such ongoing tax may be imposed henceforth from the date of an ordinance passed and adopted for the purpose of imposing such tax.

2. That the County of Mariposa call an election pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.5 of the electors of the County and if approved by 2/3 of the electors the transaction and use tax ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2021.

3. The County of Mariposa shall cause the collection and administration for the collection of such revenues, and the use of such revenues for the following specific purpose: Payment of the costs of collection and administration of the transaction and use tax, and augmentation of the revenues of John C. Fremont Healthcare District, for the payment of reconstruction of the facility to required OSHPD seismic code safety standards for the protection of patients, and to assure ongoing continuation of modern, high quality community medical services.

4. Upon approval of this ordinance by 2/3 or more of the voters voting, the County in coordination with John C. Fremont Healthcare District may adopt policies and take such other action as may be necessary for the implementation of the transaction and use tax authorized by the ordinance.

AYES: Candy O’Donel-Browne, Linda Pribyl, Philip De Bry, Brenda Forrest, and Joseph Rogers

NOES: None

Candy O’Donel-Browne, Chairperson
Board of Directors, John C. Fremont Healthcare District

ATTEST:

Kym Brownell, Clerk of the Board
Board of Directors, John C. Fremont Healthcare District