

**CITY OF WATSONVILLE MEASURE B  
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL HOUSING PROJECT  
(Full Text of Resolution No. 22-88 (CM))**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE CALLING FOR A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON WHETHER NINETY-SIX DWELLING UNITS FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES, AND FOR BLIND, ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS SHALL BE DEVELOPED, CONSTRUCTED AND ACQUIRED; AND CONSOLIDATION OF THIS SPECIAL ELECTION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON JUNE 7, 1988

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Watsonville desires to call a Special Election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City a proposal relating to the development, construction, and acquisition within the City of ninety-six (96) dwelling units for low and moderate income families, and for blind, elderly and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 1988, and it is the desire of the City Council that a Special Municipal Election on this proposal for the City of Watsonville be consolidated with the Primary Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A Special Municipal Housing Project Election is hereby called to be held in the City of Watsonville on Tuesday, June 7, 1988, at which election shall be submitted to the qualified electors the following measure:

DO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE  
approve the

development, construction, or acquisition by private or public developers, of 96 dwelling units, at a density of not more than 16 units per site, for low and moderate income families and for the blind, elderly, and disabled?

SECTION 2. The City Clerk of the City of Watsonville is hereby ordered and directed to cause to be published a synopsis of the measure to be submitted at the Special Municipal Housing Project Election in the time, manner and form required by Section 22835 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

SECTION 3. The Special Municipal Election hereby called shall be held and conducted and the votes thereat canvassed and the returns thereof made, and the results thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided and in all particulars not prescribed in this resolution. The Special Municipal Election shall be held as provided for in the Charter of the City and in all particulars not provided for therein the election shall be held as provided by law for the holding of special municipal elections in the City of Watsonville and otherwise in accordance with the Elections Code of the State of California.

All persons qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City of Watsonville on the day of the election herein provided for shall be qualified to vote on the measure hereby submitted at the Special Municipal Election.

To vote in favor of the measure a voter shall stamp a cross (+) in the blank space opposite the word "YES" on the ballot to the right of such measure, and to vote against the measure a voter shall stamp a cross (+) in the blank opposite the word "NO" on the ballot to the right of the measure. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the measure vote in favor thereof, such measure shall be deemed ratified.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Watsonville, held on the 12th day of January, 1988, by Council Member Carroll, who moved its adoption, which motion being duly seconded by Council Member Deretich, was upon roll call carried and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Carroll, Clark, Deretich, Marsano, Osmer, and Murphy

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Campos

s/ Elizabeth M. Murphy  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
s/ Lorraine Washington  
City Clerk

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**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY  
MEASURE B**

Article XXXIV of the State Constitution provides that no low-rent housing project shall be constructed within the City by any State public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the City, voting upon such issue, approves such project.

The City Council of the City of Watsonville proposes, through the County Housing Authority, subject to voter approval, to develop 96 dwelling units, at a density of not more than 16 units per site, for low and moderate income families and for persons who are either blind, elderly, or disabled. The units would not be built in one area but rather in various areas of the City where the need is greatest. The authorized number of units may either be constructed or existing units acquired by the either public or private developers.

Although all such projects are otherwise tax-exempt, the Housing Authority may pay in lieu of taxes, payment for public services and facilities furnished for or with respect to such projects as based upon a recognized formula to ten percent of the rent roll.

The proposed 96 units will be administered and managed by the Housing Authority in conjunction with other housing programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) in order to provide low-rent housing.

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B**

An issue facing the residents of Watsonville is the need to provide housing at affordable prices.

A YES vote on this measure will give our residents decent, safe shelter within their financial means.

Private and public sectors will work together using State and Federal programs.

No local costs will be involved.

Passage of this measure will provide 96 dwelling units at a density of not more than 16 units per site for low and moderate income families, and for persons who are either blind, elderly, or disabled.

This measure is placed on the ballot following unanimous approval of the City Council.

s/ Ann M. Soldo  
s/ William P. Murphy  
s/ Phillip E. Rather  
s/ Morris R. Shelist  
s/ E. Marie Chrisman

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE  
WAS SUBMITTED**

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