



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELECTIONS OFFICE TO OPT OUT OF PRINTING THE LIST OF PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF LOCAL MEASURES

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1416, effective January 1, 2023, requires elections officials to print lists of supporters and opponents of statewide measures on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot, and gives counties the option to print lists of supporters and opponents of local ballot measures on the ballot label or that a similar description be provided on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Election Code section 9170(d), which was added pursuant to AB 1416, provides that, “At least 30 days before the deadline for submitting arguments for or against county measures, a county board of supervisors may elect not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots”; and

WHEREAS, opting out of the additional printing will not deprive Nevada County voters of the information that they need to make informed decisions on local measures, as the same information may be provided in the county voter information guide; and

WHEREAS, requiring the Elections Office to print the proponents and opponents of local measures will result in cost increases for ballot production and printing and will increase the possibility for electioneering and promotion of candidates who may already be on the ballot in addition to being signers of the measure; and

WHEREAS, the requirement of printing the list of supporters and opponents of local measures would also put the Elections Office in the position of accepting or denying abbreviations of supporters/opponents that may not be clear due to the maximum character limit of 125 characters each, and in turn may result in legal challenges to perceived unfair determinations, delays in ballot printing, and increased mailing and printing costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Elections Code section 9170(d), the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Elections Office not to list supporters and opponents for county, city, district and school measures on the county ballot and future county ballots.