

AN ORDINANCE

2020-11-16-0833

**CANVASSING THE SPECIAL SALES AND USE TAX ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 3, 2020, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.**

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WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, the City Council ordered a sales and use tax election to be held on May 2, 2020 to authorize the continuation of the current 1/8th cent sales and use tax for eight additional years for the benefit of the Pre-K 4 SA program; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott certified that the novel coronavirus COVID- 19 poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Proclamation issued on March 18, 2020, the Governor has authorized all political subdivisions holding general or special elections on May 2, 2020 to postpone their election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date due to the threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the City postponed the May 2, 2020 Election as approved by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation's board to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date because the City's primary concern is the health and safety of voters, election workers, and local election officials; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2020, the City Council ordered a special election to authorize the levying a 1/8th cent sales and use tax to finance authorized programs for job training, including long-term job training and in-training support service grants and funding to accredited post-secondary educational institutions to be used to award scholarships on behalf of the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation pursuant to Chapter 379A, Texas Local Government Code, to begin upon the full collection of the sales and use tax previously authorized by the voters on May 9, 2015 for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Venue Project and the Parks Development and Expansion Venue Project; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, an election was held for the purpose of providing the voters the opportunity to through the two Propositions; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions were submitted to the voters, the election was held and conducted, and the returns reviewed and investigated, all as required by the City Charter, the Texas Election Code, and the laws of the State of Texas, and it is now necessary to declare the official results of the canvass; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council, having convened on this 16th day of November, 2020, to canvass the returns of the City Special Sales and Use Tax Election held November 3, 2020, and after

canvassing the returns of this election, officially finds and determines that this election was duly ordered; proper notice of this election was given; proper election officers were duly appointed prior to this election; the election was duly held; the City has complied with the Federal Voting Rights Act, the Texas Election Code, and the City Charter, and the laws of the State of Texas; and due returns of the result of this election have been made and delivered, all in accordance with the law and the Ordinances calling the Election.

SECTION 2. The City Council does officially find and declare the results of the City Sales and Use Tax Election to be as follows:

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PROPOSITION A

"Shall the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas be authorized to assess, levy, and collect a sales and use tax of one-eighth of one percent within the City of San Antonio for a maximum period of eight years for the purpose of financing authorized programs for early childhood development and education services for the development of math, reading, and lifelong learning skills and the promotion of literacy skills to be implemented and developed by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation pursuant to Chapter 379A, Texas Local Government Code?"

FOR	366,148	73.31%
AGAINST	133,277	26.69%

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PROPOSITION B

"Shall the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas be authorized to assess, levy, and collect an increase of an additional one-eighth of one percent of sales and use tax within the City of San Antonio not to extend beyond December 31, 2025 for the purpose of 1) financing authorized programs for job training, including long-term job training and in-training support service grants; and 2) funding to accredited post-secondary educational institutions to be used to award scholarships; both on behalf of the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation pursuant to Chapter 379A, Texas Local Government Code, to begin upon the full collection of the sales and use tax previously authorized by the voters on May 9, 2015 for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Venue Project and the Parks Development and Expansion Venue Project?"

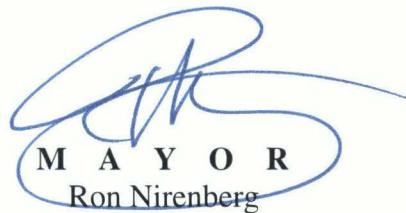
FOR	386,445	76.96%
AGAINST	115,698	23.04%

SECTION 3. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject

matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Resolution, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is effective immediately, if approved by eight or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective on the tenth day from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 16th day of November 2020.



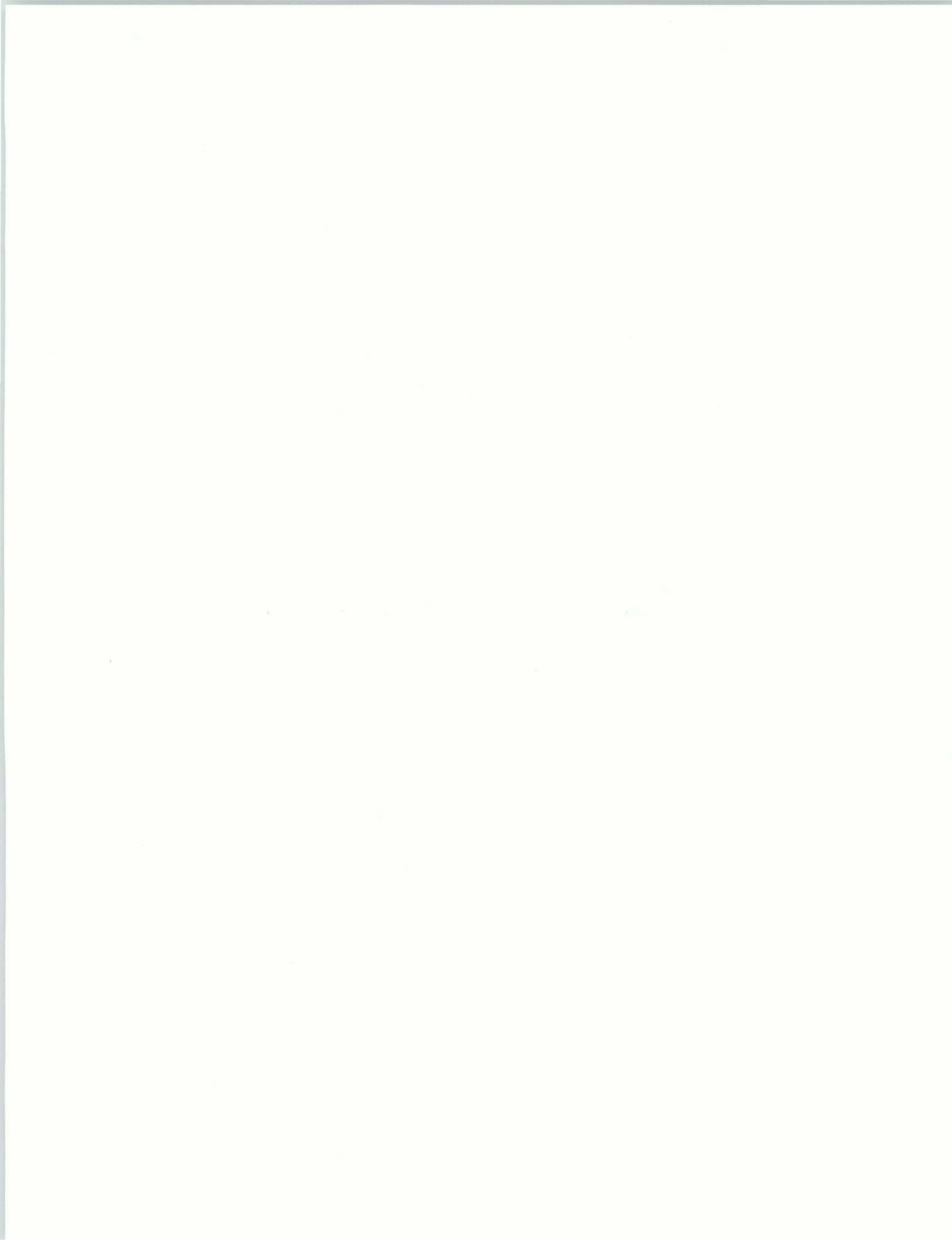
M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:


Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for 
Andrew Segovia, City Attorney





City of San Antonio

City Council

November 16, 2020

Item: 1

File Number: 20-6721

Enactment Number:

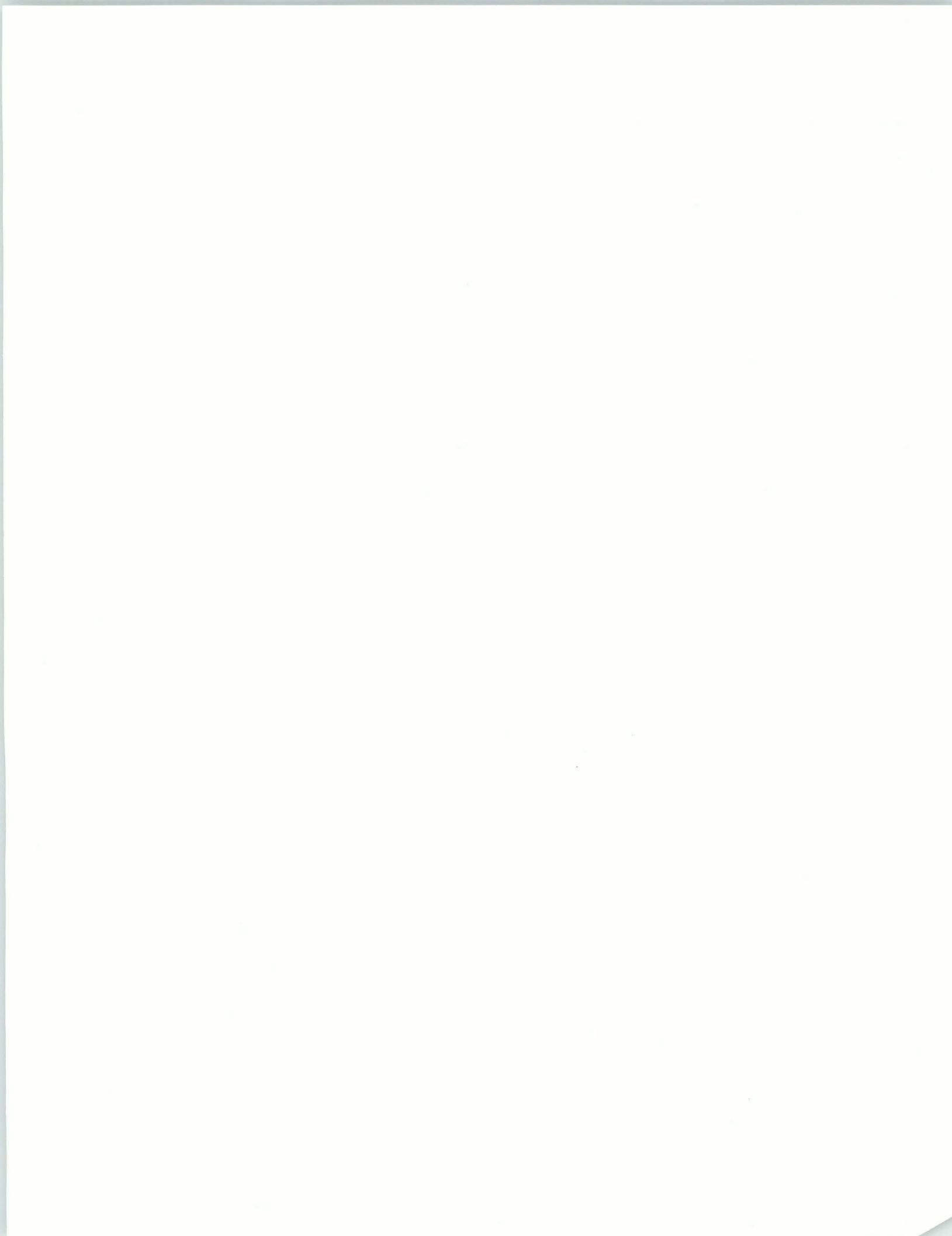
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Ordinance canvassing the official results of the Special Sales and Use Tax Election held on November 3, 2020. [Tina J. Flores, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rebecca Viagran made a motion to approve. Councilmember Jada Andrews-Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 10 Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage and Perry

Absent: 1 Sandoval



Canvassing Report for Special Election

November 3, 2020



November 16, 2020
Tina J. Flores, City Clerk

Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



- Ballot Measures
 - Proposition A – Authorize the continuation of the current 1/8th cent Sales and Use Tax for eight additional years for the benefit of the Pre-K 4 SA Program
 - Proposition B – Authorize the reallocation of an existing 1/8th cent Sales and Use Tax for the Ready to Work SA Workforce Program for job training and scholarships

Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



- Review of Election Results and Votes Cast
 - Election results include the number of valid Absentee ballots (Mail-in ballots hand delivered and mailed)
 - Election results include the number of valid Over-seas ballots (Mail-in ballots mailed by military personnel and their dependents and voters residing outside the United States)
 - Election results include the number of valid Provisional ballots (voter's eligibility could not be validated at polling site by Election personnel)
 - Total number of votes cast includes the number of Under Votes (a paper or machine ballot submitted that has no markings "For" or "Against" the measures)
 - Total number of votes cast includes the number of Over Votes (a paper ballot cast with multiple markings)

Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



Proposition A – Sales and Use Tax for the “Pre-K 4 SA” Early
for the “Pre-K 4 SA” Early Childhood Education Program

	Total	Election Day	Absentee (Mail-in)	Early Voting
“For”	364,455	40,833	46,071	277,551
“Against”	132,881	14,190	11,668	107,023
Over Votes	19	0	19	0
Under Votes	28,472	3,969	4,925	19,578
Total Votes Cast*	527,395	58,992	62,683	404,152

** Still pending provisional vote count. Total Votes Cast will be updated accordingly.*

Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



Proposition B – Ready to Work SA Workforce Program
for job training and scholarships, a reallocation of an existing
Sales and Use Tax resulting in no net increase

	Total	Election Day	Absentee (Mail-in)	Early Voting
“For”	384,706	43,964	48,036	292,706
“Against”	115,310	11,332	11,243	92,735
Over Votes	13	0	13	0
Under Votes	25,798	3,696	3,391	18,711
Total Votes Cast *	525,827	58,992	62,683	404,152

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Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



- Voter Data

Total Votes Cast*	525,827
Registered Voters for the City of San Antonio as of November 13, 2020	839,917
Total Voter Turnout for the City of San Antonio for the Special Election	63%

** Still pending provisional vote count. Total Votes Cast and Total Voter Turnout will be updated accordingly.*

Canvassing Report

November 3, 2020 Special Election



- Recommendations
 - Adoption of an Ordinance accepting the Canvassing Report and declaring the Official Election Results of the November 3, 2020 City of San Antonio Special Election



Thank You

Tina J. Flores, City Clerk