

A RESOLUTION OF THE AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY COMMISSION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD ON MAY 19, 2026 TO DETERMINE THE REIMPOSITION OR NON-REIMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the “Commission”), which is charged with the duties of levying taxes, contracting debts, and managing the affairs of Augusta, Georgia (the “Consolidated Government”), and the Richmond County Board of Elections (the “Superintendent of Elections”), which is the Superintendent of Elections of Richmond County, called an election that was held on May 19, 2026 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Richmond County the question of whether or not a special one percent sales and use tax should be reimposed; and

WHEREAS, the ballots used in the election provided that if reimposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the County in the principal amount of \$80,900,000 (the “General Obligation Debt”); and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were duly brought up by the Managers of such election, as required by law, and were presented to the Superintendent of Elections on its own behalf and on behalf of the Commission for consolidation and for the declaration of the result of the election; and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were received from all of the poll officers and thereupon the Superintendent of Elections canvassed, computed, and consolidated the returns of the election and concurrent with the adoption of this resolution delivered a certified copy of the consolidated return of the election to the Commission, and the result of the election was as follows:

Total Voted Ballots Cast	37,937
Total Blank Votes Cast	863
Total Ballots Cast	38,800
Total number of votes cast FOR the reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax	22,223
Total number of votes cast AGAINST the reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax	15,714

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election resulted in favor of the reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of Richmond County voting in the election held for such purpose, that the reimposition of the special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the General

Obligation Debt have been authorized as required by law, and that the results of the election are hereby declared to be as set forth above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that a duly certified copy of the consolidated election return of the Superintendent of Elections be attached to this resolution as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE this 16th day of June 2026.

(SEAL)

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Commission

EXHIBIT "A"
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION RETURN

[Attached]



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

W. TRAVIS DOSS, JR.
Executive Director

KATINA JOYNER
Deputy Director

LYNN BAILEY
Chair
SHERRY T. BARNES
EUGENE D. BEVERLY
ISAAC J. McADAMS
BETTY C. REECE

This is to certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of the Resolution declaring the results of an election held on the May 19, 2026 to determine the reimposition or non-reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia

This 22nd, day of May, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "W. Travis Doss, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director
for Richmond County Board of Elections,
Election Superintendent

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WHEREAS, the ballots used in the election provided that if reimposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of the Consolidated Government in the principal amount of \$80,900,000 (the "General Obligation Debt"); and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were duly brought up by the Managers of such election, as required by law, and were presented to the Superintendent of Elections on its own behalf and on behalf of the Commission for consolidation and for the declaration of the result of the election; and

WHEREAS, the returns of the election were received from all of the poll officers and thereupon the Superintendent of Elections canvassed, computed, and consolidated the returns of the election, and the result of the election was as follows:

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Richmond County Board of Elections, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election resulted in favor of the reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of Richmond County voting in the election held for such purpose, that the reimposition of the special one percent sales and use tax and the issuance of the General Obligation Debt have been authorized as required by law, and that the results of the election are hereby declared to be as set forth above.

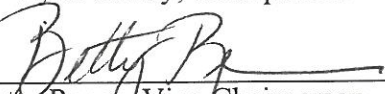
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the election returns of the several Managers on file with the Superintendent of Elections are incorporated herein by this reference.

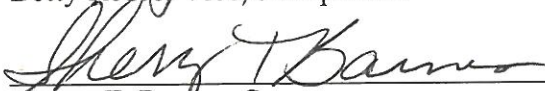
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the authority aforesaid, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that a duly certified copy of this resolution be furnished to the Commission so that it may declare the results of the election as provided by law.

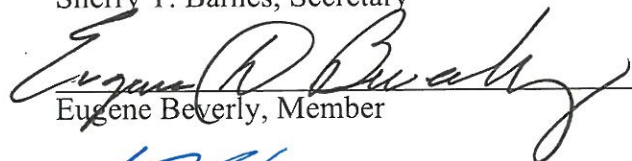
PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE this 22nd day of May 2026.


RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By: 
Lynn Bailey, Chairperson


Betty Reece, Vice Chairperson


Sherry T. Barnes, Secretary


Eugene Beverly, Member


Isaac McAdams, Member

STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHMOND COUNTY

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **SHERRY T. BARNES**, Secretary of the Richmond County Board of Elections, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Richmond County Board of Elections at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled at 3:05 p.m., on the 22nd day of May 2026, in connection with declaring the results of an election pertaining to the reimposition or non-reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax, the original of such resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Richmond County Board of Elections, which Minute Book is in my custody and control at the Board of Elections Office located at 535 Telfair Street, Room 500, Augusta, Georgia.

I do hereby further certify that the following members of the Richmond County Board of Elections were present at such meeting:

Lynn Bailey
Betty Reece
Sherry T. Barnes
Marcia Brown
Eugene Beverly
Isaac McAdams

and that the following members were absent:

and that such resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

Aye 5 Nay 0.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the Richmond County Board of Elections, this the 22nd day of May 2026.

(SEAL)


Secretary



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

W. TRAVIS DOSS, JR.
Executive Director

KATINA JOYNER
Deputy Director

LYNN BAILEY
Chair
SHERRY T. BARNES
EUGENE D. BEVERLY
ISAAC J. McADAMS
BETTY C. REECE

This is to certify that the attached document is a true and correct copy of the Official Certified Results of the May 19, 2026 Special Election for the reimposition or non-reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax in Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia

This 22nd, day of May, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "W. Travis Doss, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director
for Richmond County Board of Elections,
Election Superintendent

CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL/COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS FOR:

- SPECIAL ELECTION
- GENERAL ELECTION
- RUNOFF ELECTION

May 19, 2020
Date

Richmond County
Municipality/County

Instructions: Prepare and print (4) copies of the Election Summary (county consolidated vote totals report that is generated by EMS). Attach copies of this consolidated certification report as follows:

1. **White** sheet is attached to Election Summary and returned to Secretary of State.
2. **Yellow** sheet is attached to Election Summary and maintained by Superintendent.
3. **Pink** sheet is attached to Election Summary and sent to Clerk of Superior Court.
4. **Goldenrod** Copy is attached to Election Summary and immediately posted at the City Hall (city) or Courthouse (county).

ELECTION SUMMARY MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS: Affix a copy of the complete wording of the question(s) as such appeared on the ballot.

SHORT TITLE OF QUESTION(S) AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED ELECTION SUMMARY:

QUESTION:
See attached

Pursuant to
OCGA 48-8-110(a)

This Referendum was held in accordance with
(Citation of Act calling for the Election):

Local Act No. _____ Year _____

Ga. Laws page No. _____

QUESTION:

This Referendum was held in accordance with
(Citation of Act calling for the Election):

Local Act No. _____ Year _____

Ga. Laws page No. _____

We, the undersigned Superintendent/Supervisor of Elections and the Assistants, do jointly and severally certify that the attached Election Summary is a true and correct count of the votes cast in this City/County.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 22nd day of May, 20. SIGNED IN QUADRUPPLICATE.

[Signature] Assistant

[Signature] Assistant

[Signature] Assistant

[Signature] Assistant

[Signature] Assistant

[Signature]
Superintendent/Supervisor Of Elections

Special Election

Reimposition Or Non-Reimposition Of A Special One Percent Sales And Use Tax

(Vote for One)

"Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the special district of Richmond County, upon the termination of the special one percent sales and use tax presently in effect, for the raising of not more than \$375,000,000 for the following purposes pursuant to an Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2026, among Augusta, Georgia ("Augusta"), the City of Blythe, Georgia ("Blythe"), and the City of Hephzibah ("Hephzibah"): (a) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$358,825,000, to be owned or operated or both by Augusta or by the State of Georgia or one or more local authorities within the Special District pursuant to intergovernmental contracts with Augusta (the "Augusta Projects"): (1) Public Safety, including Public Safety Facilities, Equipment, and Vehicles, and Detention Center Renovation, (2) Quality of Life, including Parks and Recreation Facilities and Improvements, (3) Facilities and General Government, including Information Technology Upgrades and Improvements, Juvenile Court Project, and Convention Center Improvements, (4) Infrastructure, including Road, Street, Bridge, and Drainage Improvements, Water and Sewer System Improvements, and Airport Improvements, and (5) State and Authority Projects, including Augusta University Research Facility and Augusta Canal Authority Pedestrian Bridge and Canal Projects; (b) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$3,773,000, to be owned or operated or both by Blythe: (1) Public Safety Equipment and Vehicles, (2) Water System Improvements, (3) Stormwater Collection System Improvements, (4) Parks, Recreation, and Library, (5) New Equipment, and (6) Facilities Replacement; and (c) capital outlay projects, which are estimated to cost \$12,442,000, to be owned or operated or both by Hephzibah: (1) Town Square with City Hall (2) Public Safety Equipment and Vehicles, (3) Solar Projects, (4) Highway 88 Fire Station, (5) Amphitheatre, (6) Road and Street Improvements, and (7) Water and Sewer System Improvements?" "If reimposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Augusta, Georgia in the principal amount of \$80,900,000 for the purpose of any one or more of the Augusta Projects."

Yes

No

Reimposition Or Non-Reimposition Of A Special One Percent Sales And Use Tax (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 65 of 65 (100.00%)

	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
Times Cast	20,533	17,468	779	20	38,800 / 131,245	29.56%
Undervotes	430	361	70	2	863	
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	

Candidate	Party	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
Yes		11,829	9,958	426	10	22,223	58.58%
No		8,274	7,149	283	8	15,714	41.42%
Total Votes		20,103	17,107	709	18	37,937	

	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total
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Special One-Half Percent Sales And Use Tax To Reduce Property Taxes (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 65 of 65 (100.00%)

	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
Times Cast	20,533	17,468	779	20	38,800 / 131,245	29.56%
Undervotes	322	224	55	2	603	
Overvotes	0	0	0	0	0	

Candidate	Party	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
Yes		14,168	12,341	494	15	27,018	70.73%
No		6,043	4,903	230	3	11,179	29.27%
Total Votes		20,211	17,244	724	18	38,197	

	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total
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**STATE OF GEORGIA
RICHMOND COUNTY**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, **LENA J. BONNER**, Clerk of Commission, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission (the "Commission") at an open public meeting duly called and lawfully assembled at 2:00 p.m., on the 16th day of June 2026, in connection with declaring the results of an election pertaining to the reimposition or non-reimposition of a special one percent sales and use tax, the original of such resolution being duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Commission, which Minute Book is in my custody and control.

I do hereby further certify that the following members of the Commission were present at such meeting:

Mayor Garnett Johnson
Jordan Johnson
Stacy Pulliam
Catherine Smith-Rice
Lonnie Wimberly
Don Clark
Tony Lewis
Tina Slendak
Brandon Garrett
Francine Scott
Wayne Guilfoyle

and that the following members were absent:

and that such resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

Aye ____ Nay ____

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of Augusta, Georgia, this the ____ day of June 2026.

(SEAL)

Clerk of Commission