1	Ordinance No.
2	An ordinance of the County of San Bernardino, State of
3	California, adding Section 12.0104 to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the San Bernardino County Code, relating to
4	supplementary procedures for the filling of a vacant elective office.
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6	The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California,
7	ordains as follows:
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9	SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors finds that although the County's charter
10 11	sets forth the general procedure for the filling of vacant elective offices, and that this
12	general procedure includes, but is not limited to, the filling of a vacancy through
12	appointment by the Board of Supervisors, neither the charter nor the County Code
13	currently sets forth any specific procedures for the making of such appointments. This
15	ordinance provides such specific procedures. The procedures established by this
16	ordinance shall not be applied in a manner that conflicts with the charter. These
17	supplementary procedures will help expedite the filling of a vacancy by appointment and
18	ensure transparency and public participation.
19	SECTION 2 Section 12 0104 is added to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the
20	SECTION 2. Section 12.0104 is added to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the San Bernardino County Code, to read:
21	San Bernardino County Code, to read.
22	12.0104 Procedures for Appointment to a Vacant Elective Office.
23	(a) When an office holder vacates his or her elective County office before
24	expiration of the term, the procedures provided for in this section shall apply in addition
25	to the procedures required by the County's charter. The procedures of this section shall
26	be applied in a manner that does not conflict with the charter. In no event shall this
27	section prevent, or be applied in a manner that prevents, the Board of Supervisors from
28	making an appointment to fill a vacancy.

(b) When the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (the Clerk of the Board)
becomes aware of a vacancy or an impending vacancy in any County elective office,
the Clerk of the Board shall place an item on the public portion of the agenda for the
next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors or on the agenda for a special meeting
of the Board of Supervisors. The agenda item shall describe the elective office that is or
will be vacant and clearly state that the Board of Supervisors will discuss and act upon
the filling of the vacancy and the procedures thereof.

8 (c) If the Board of Supervisors determines to fill the vacancy by appointment,
 9 then at the meeting described in subdivision (b) or at another regularly scheduled
 10 meeting or a special meeting, the Board of Supervisors shall:

(1) Set a date for making the appointment. The appointment shall be in
 open session at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The date must
 comply with any charter deadlines.

14 (2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to prepare an application form. The
15 form shall set forth any statutory or other requirements of holding office. The Board of
16 Supervisors may also specify additional application requirements, including but not
17 limited to the requirement that applicants complete a questionnaire.

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(3) Set a date and time for when applications for appointment must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

(4) Direct the Clerk of the Board to prepare and post a notice of
vacancy. The notice shall set forth any statutory or other requirements of holding office
and include information on where to obtain an application, the deadline for submission
of an application, and the date upon which the Board shall consider the applications.
The notice shall provide the period of time for which the appointee shall hold office.

(e) Applications shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board no later than the
deadline set by the Board. Applications submitted after the deadline shall not be
considered. Submitted applications shall be available for inspection or copying by the
public upon request. The home address, personal telephone number, and personal e-

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1 mail address of an applicant shall be considered confidential, shall not be considered 2 public information, and shall not be disclosed unless required by law.

3 (f) At a regular or special meeting in open session, the Board of Supervisors 4 shall determine whether or not to interview applicants and, if it chooses to conduct such 5 interviews, the Board shall establish the interview process including but not limited to 6 supplemental submittals from applicants and appropriate deadlines. If any candidate 7 fails to comply with the process established by the Board, that candidate shall be 8 automatically disgualified and removed from the candidate pool. The Board of 9 Supervisors may at its discretion interview all applicants, certain applicants, or no 10 applicants. If only certain applicants will be interviewed, then the Board of Supervisors 11 shall, in open session, decide the manner in which the applicants will be chosen and, at 12 the same meeting or a future meeting, choose the applicants to be interviewed. The 13 Board of Supervisors may, if it chooses, conduct a second round of interviews.

14 (g) If all or some applicants are to be interviewed, then they will be 15 interviewed in open session at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors. 16 Each applicant may make an opening statement of approximately three minutes or as 17 otherwise determined by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. The order in which 18 applicants shall be interviewed shall be determined by a random method. The order 19 may be altered by the Chair due to the availability of an applicant or for some other 20 good cause. Following each opening statement, each member of the Board of 21 Supervisors may ask questions of the applicant.

22 After completion of the interviews, the public shall have opportunity to (h) 23 address the Board of Supervisors concerning the appointment. The time allotted for 24 each speaker shall be three minutes or as otherwise determined by the Chair.

25 (i) After completion of the interviews and public comment, the Board of 26 Supervisors shall deliberate in open session about the appointment. Thereafter, the 27 Board of Supervisors may take action to make the appointment. If the vacancy is in a 28 Countywide elected office, then the appointment shall require a majority vote of the total

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1	membership of the Board of Supervisors. If the vacancy is in the office of Supervisor,
2	then the appointment shall require a majority vote of the remaining members of the
3	Board of Supervisors.
4	(j) The Board of Supervisors may continue the matter, at any stage of the
5	proceeding, to a subsequent regular or special meeting, subject to applicable charter
6	deadlines.
7	(k) At its discretion, the Board of Supervisors may alter, supplement, or waive
8	any requirement of this section. Such altering, supplementing, or waiving must be done
9	in open session.
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11	SECTION 3. The Board of Supervisors declares that it would have adopted this
12	ordinance and each section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of it irrespective of the
13	fact that any one or more sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of it are
14	declared invalid or unconstitutional. If for any reason any portion of this ordinance is
15	declared invalid or unconstitutional, then all other provisions of it shall remain valid and
16	enforceable.
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18	SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of adoption.
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20	CURT HAGMAN, Chairman
21	Board of Supervisors
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23	SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED
24	TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
25	LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the
26	Board of Supervisors
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1	STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) ss. COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)
3 4 5 6	I, LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said County and State, held on the day of, 2020, at which meeting were present Supervisors:
7 8	and the Clerk, the foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:
9	AYES: SUPERVISORS:
10	NOES: SUPERVISORS:
11	ABSENT: SUPERVISORS:
12 13	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of Supervisors this day of, 2020.
14	LYNNA MONELL, Clerk of the
15	Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino,
16	State of California
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21	Approved as to Form:
22	MICHELLE D. BLAKEMORE County Counsel
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25	By: JOLENA E. GRIDER
26	Deputy County Counsel
27	Date:
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