

**RESOLUTION NO. (XX)**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COTATI OPPOSING**  
**SONOMA COUNTY MEASURE J AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL**  
**ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, Sonoma County and Cotati have rich farming history dating back more than a century; and

**WHEREAS**, many Cotati residents—and California residents more broadly—have a deep interest in protecting animal welfare, as reflected by the fact that our state’s animal welfare laws are among the strongest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, farms subject to closure by Measure J include some that hold Organic certification, are American Humane Certified™, and practice additional regenerative and restorative agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure J uses a definition of Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) based on number of animals and not on animal welfare practices, and thus broadly targets farmers observing best practices for animal welfare along with potential bad actors who might generate understandable concern for animal welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cotati opposes Measure J and urges a “No” vote on Measure J.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cotati held on October 8, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Patterson, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_

City Attorney