



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13313, materials pertaining to Measure A-20 for the March 3, 2020, Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, are hereby submitted for 10-day public examination.

During the 10-day examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed not later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Elections Code, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of the official election materials as provided by law.

Impartial Analysis

Dated: November 15, 2019

Tommy Gong, San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A-20

This measure has been placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors (“the Board”) of the Oceano Community Services District (“the District”) and will determine whether an ordinance imposing a special tax on all real property within the District will be approved for the purpose of providing necessary funding for the provision of emergency medical and fire protection services through the Five Cities Fire Authority (“FCFA”).

Pursuant to a joint powers agreement, the District and the cities of Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande are members of the FCFA, which provides emergency medical and fire protection services to the cities and the District. Due in part to a decline in the existing reserve program and increasing costs, the FCFA has identified a need for additional emergency responders to ensure adequate emergency medical and fire protection services. In order to provide its share of the necessary funding contributions allocated to FCFA members for the provision of services, the Board has proposed this special tax measure.

The District is authorized by Government Code section 50075 et seq. and section 61121, subdivision (a), to impose special taxes pursuant to the provisions of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. Additionally, Government Code section 53978 specifically authorizes the District to propose by ordinance the adoption of a special tax to provide for fire protection and prevention services. Consistent with California Constitution, Article XIII C, section 2(d), and Government Code section 53722, the tax will become effective only if the ordinance is approved by a 2/3rds vote of qualified voters.

If the measure is approved, commencing with fiscal year 2021-22, a special tax in the amount of \$180 per parcel shall be imposed on each parcel of real property in the District having a separate assessor's parcel number, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll of San Luis Obispo County. This amount will increase each fiscal year thereafter by no more than 2% per year. The special tax will be levied annually by the Board and collected by the San Luis Obispo County Tax Collector in the same manner, at the same time, and will be subject to the same penalties, as other property taxes collected.

The measure includes certain accountability requirements, including: (1) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the tax; (2) that the proceeds shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified in the measure; (3) the creation of an account into which the proceeds shall be deposited; (4) the preparation and filing of an annual report disclosing the amount of funds collected and expended for the stated purposes of the tax; and (5) the creation of a citizens' oversight committee to review and evaluate annual expenditures made from the proceeds of the tax.

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of imposing a special tax to provide increased funding for emergency medical and fire protection services within the District.

A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against imposing a special tax to provide increased funding for emergency medical and fire protection services within the District.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Rita L. Neal.

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