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The City Council of the City of Sanger has placed Measure _ on the November 5, 2024, ballot. If approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the City voters, this Measure will reauthorize and extend the existing three-fourths (3/4) cent transactions and use tax (i.e. "sales tax") for Public Safety.

Existing Law

In 2008, the City voters adopted a sales tax measure which is codified as an ordinance in the Sanger City Code as the "Sanger Police, Fire, Paramedic 9-1-1 Emergency Response and Gang/Drug Prevention Special Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance." Sanger voters extended the ordinance at the November 8, 2016, City election to June 30, 2028.

As a special tax, all revenues from the Public Safety Tax must be accounted for and are restricted for use only on Police, Fire, Paramedic, 9-1-1 Emergency, and Gang/Drug Prevention Services. The ordinance provides that its intent is to "supplement" not "supplant" expenditures for Public Safety which existed at the time the ordinance was adopted. The ordinance expressly states that revenues cannot be spent on department administrators' salaries or General Fund operating expenses in effect at the time the ordinance became effective or on projects not part of the Public Safety Expenditure Plan.

Under the ordinance, "Public Safety Services" means: (i) Obtaining, furnishing, operating, and/or maintaining police protection equipment or apparatus, paying the salaries and benefits of police protection, and such other police protection service expenses, including capital expenses, as are deemed necessary by the City Council for the benefit of City residents; and (ii) Obtaining, furnishing, operating, and/or maintaining fire protection equipment or apparatus, paying the salaries and benefits of fire protection personnel, and such other fire protection service expenses, including capital expenses, as are deemed necessary by the City Council for the benefit of City residents.

The ordinance provides for a Citizens Oversight Committee to monitor the expenditures of the revenues collected under the special tax. Only the City voters may increase the tax rate or extend the tax.

Proposed Change

If approved by the voters, the Measure will extend the current ordinance's sunset date until the City voters modify the date or end the tax. All other provisions of the current ordinance will remain the same. As a special tax, the Measure requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the persons voting at the election to pass.

A "Yes" vote on the Measure extends the existing ¾ cent Public Safety Tax ordinance.

A "No" vote is a vote against extension of the Public Safety Tax ordinance.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _ . If you desire a full copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Sanger City Clerk at (559) 876-6300 ext. 1350 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. The ordinance is also available online on the City's website at www.ci.sanger.ca.us or by clicking "county clerk/registrar of voters" at www.co.fresno.ca.us.

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