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Re: City Attorney's Impartial Analysis

Madam Clerk:

The following is an impartial analysis for the proposed amendment to the City of Fresno Charter that would amend §1205 to require a balanced budget.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY

Ballot Measure Q proposes to amend Charter §1205 to require the City adopt a balanced budget each fiscal year.

Existing Law: The Fresno City Charter does not require a balanced budget. Charter §1207 requires the City Council to levy additional taxes necessary to meet budgeted appropriations, but §1207 is unenforceable and preempted by Proposition 218, which requires voter approval of additional tax levies.

Proposed Change: The Charter Amendment would amend Charter §1205 to require the City adopt a balanced budget each fiscal year.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the City of Fresno.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Fresno County Clerk's Office at 559-600-3011 or the City of Fresno Clerk's Office at 559-621-7650, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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