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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL – Clerk-Elections@fresnocountyca.gov

Brandi L. Orth
Fresno County Clerk
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, California 93721

Re: City Attorney's Impartial Analysis – Fresno Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Tax Initiative

Madam Clerk:

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Measure P has been placed on the ballot by residents of the City of Fresno by initiative petition. If approved by voters, the measure would authorize a new 3/8 percent sales and use tax within City limits to fund City parks and cultural arts.

Proceeds from the tax would be deposited into a special Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Account and would only be expendable for specific purposes including: to provide clean, safe neighborhood parks; reduce crime and homelessness in parks; update and maintain park bathrooms and playgrounds; reduce graffiti and vandalism in parks; maintain and improve after-school, youth, and senior recreational programs; provide job training for at-risk youth and veterans; beautify landscaping and remove weeds and litter along major roads and highways; create parks in neighborhoods that don't have good park access, including soccer and sports fields; improve walking and biking access to parks and trails, including the San Joaquin River Parkway; and expand access to local arts and cultural programs.

The measure would also create a new nine-member Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council, to oversee and provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Council related to expenditures of Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Tax revenues, and regarding the City's Parks Master Plan and Cultural Arts Plan.

If enacted by the voters, Measure P would raise approximately \$37.5 million in revenues annually, with proceeds to be spent as follows: 46% (\$17.25 million) on maintaining clean and safe parks; 21% (\$7.9 million) on new parks and recreational facilities; 8.5% (\$3.2 million) on youth and senior recreation, after-school programs, and job training; 11.25% (\$4.2 million) on improved walking and biking trails, the San Joaquin River Parkway, and beautification of streets; and 12% (\$4.5 million) on expanded access to arts and culture. Tax revenues would supplement the City of

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Fresno's Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending levels.

The Tax would continue for a period of 30 years from operative date of the tax.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS P. SLOAN
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure P. 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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