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Measure L will appear on a ballot for a special municipal election on March 3, 2020.

The City Council of the City of Selma unanimously voted to place Measure L on the ballot for this special election, asking the voters to approve the establishment of a licensed cardroom, or gambling establishment at a single location, in the City of Selma's Regional Commercial Zone. There are seventy-three (73) licensed cardrooms in cities throughout the State of California. Those cardrooms are a significant source of local revenue in those cities.

The State's Gambling Control Act and Penal Code provide for a comprehensive regulatory framework so that the Gambling Control Commission, State Department of Justice, and Bureau of Gambling Control and the local jurisdiction where the gambling establishment is located can ensure that legalized gambling in cardrooms is highly regulated and that problem gambling is controlled. Measure L has the potential to generate significant revenues that will directly benefit the City of Selma by providing funding for public, street maintenance and infrastructure, recreational programs and other public services.

To become effective, Measure L requires only a majority vote of the City of Selma voters that vote in the election on March 3, 2020.

The Measure would add an ordinance to the City of Selma Municipal Code containing detailed regulations relating to the operation, location, licensing and staffing of a single cardroom. A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the licensing of a gaming establishment or cardroom in the City. A "no" vote means that no cardroom would be allowed in the City.

The cardroom would be required to pay a licensing fee to the City of Selma which is a percentage of the gross revenue derived from the cardroom. The cardroom would be regulated, in a manner which mitigates the potential for any adverse impact to the City or to the properties that surround the establishment. Any cardroom would be subject to numerous regulatory and reporting requirements concerning its operations, and the revenues derived from those operations. The cardroom itself is required to pay the cost of providing regulatory services to the City. Only controlled games specifically permitted by law such as draw poker, low-ball poker, panguine, seven card stud and other lawful card games would be permitted to be played at a cardroom.

A "yes" vote on the Measure will result in the enactment of a detailed ordinance, copies of which are available, free of charge, either from the City Clerk of the City of Selma during normal business hours located at 1710 Tucker Street, Selma, California or may be obtained by telephoning the City at (559) 891-2200. The resolution placing the Measure on the ballot is also available from the City Clerk's Office at the same address and telephone number, at no cost.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L.

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