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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF SELMA

Measure ____ will appear as a local, city-wide ballot measure on the ballot for November 3, 2020.

State law allows a City Council or the voters to change the method of electing council members in a variety of ways. On December 2, 2019, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 2019-8 establishing a system for election of City Council members consisting of four districts in which four members of the City Council are elected only by the voters of a district in which the candidate resides; and, an Elective Mayor, elected on a city-wide basis by the voters of the entire City. In the last, and in all preceding elections members of the City Council were elected at-large by the voters of the entire City and terms of the five members were staggered so that two members were elected in one election and the remaining three were elected in the subsequent elections.

The election on November 3, 2020, will be for an election of an elective mayor at-large, for a two-year term, and two by-district City Council members for a four-year term each.

Measure ____ asks the voters to determine whether four City Council members should continue to be elected by districts and the Mayor of the City of Selma elected on a city-wide basis; or, whether that method of electing City Council members should be replaced by an Ordinance requiring all five members of the City Council to be elected in by-district system in which each member of the City Council is elected only by the voters of the district in which the candidate resides. If approved by the votes, the methodology of electing Council members established by Ordinance No. 2019-8 would apply to the election of November 3, 2020, only. Beginning in November 2022 each member of the City Council would be elected only by the voters of the district in which the candidate resides. Terms of the City Council members would be staggered so that three Council members would be elected beginning in November 2022 and two Council members would be elected in November 2024.

Measure ____ is effective only if approved by a majority of the voters on November 3, 2020. A “yes” vote is a vote to approve changing the method of electing Council members from four districts with an elective at-large mayor to a five-district election of all five members.

A “no” vote is a vote to retain the method of electing council members by electing a mayor at large, with four members of the City Council being elected by district.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _____. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please contact the City Clerk of the City of Selma at (559) 891-2200 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost.

Date: August 10, 2020

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