

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY CITY OF PARLIER

Measure ____ will appear as a ballot measure for the November 3, 2020 election.

On November 8, 2016, Measure Q which provided for the assessment of a special parcel tax for police protection services was approved by more than two-thirds of the voters. The passage of Measure Q resulted in a voter approved Ordinance that became Chapter 3.25 at Title 3 of the Parlier Municipal Code.

The Ordinance enacted by the voters approving Measure Q included a 'sunset' or expiration provision which would eliminate the special parcel tax automatically on June 30, 2022.

The passage of the special parcel tax has allowed the City of Parlier to fund police protection services to an extent not previously possible. Enactment of the special parcel tax allows the City to maintain satisfactory public safety service levels. The City does not have the funding available to provide necessary and basic public safety services to residents and inhabitants of the City, without the special parcel tax.

The special parcel tax is minimal and by paying this amount property owners in the City of Parlier have enabled the City to fully fund its police department and provide for enhanced public safety and police protection services to the citizens and inhabitants of the City. Without that funding, the City could not provide the level of police protection services that it is currently providing. The City Council of the City of Parlier unanimously voted to place this Measure ____ on the ballot asking the voters of the City to approve a repeal of the sunset clause which would cause this special tax to expire. The modest parcel tax imposed by the original Measure Q would not be changed or increased in any way; but, the tax would simply remain in place and not expire by the passage of time on June 30, 2022.

Because it is a measure which effectively extends the special parcel tax, to become effective, Measure ____, requires approval by a two-thirds vote in the November 3, 2020, election. The Measure would not impose any additional tax or fee, only extend the life of the existing special parcel tax by repeal of the sunset or expiration clause.

A "yes" vote on the Measure will allow for the continuing funding of police protection services within the City, without increasing any tax by allowing the special parcel tax that already exists to be extended. A copy of the Ordinance, free of charge is available from the City Clerk of the City of Parlier during normal business hours located at 1100 East Parlier Avenue, Parlier, California 93648 or may be obtained by telephoning the City at (559) 646-3545. 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 ____.

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