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Measure O proposes to raise revenue for police and fire protection by removing the sunset clause from the existing police and fire parcel tax, which is set to expire in November 2024. Measure O has been placed on the ballot by the majority vote of the City of Orange Cove's governing body. By removing the sunset clause, Measure O proposes to continue the police and fire parcel tax beyond November 2024, without expiration, until repealed by the voters. Measure O is a continuation of a parcel tax on each parcel of real property in the City. The tax would be paid in addition to current State and local property taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as the existing real property taxes. Measure O proposes a continuation of a parcel tax of \$95 on each single-family residential parcel within the City; \$65 on each multifamily unit within the City; \$95 per agricultural parcel; \$495 per commercial parcel; and \$750 per industrial parcel. Measure O is a continuation of the parcel tax rates adopted by the voters in 2014. Measure O does not propose a change in the parcel tax amounts adopted by the voters in 2014.

Measure O proposes that the parcel tax continue to be used to fund police and fire protection and prevention services. The City is legally bound to use the funds for police and fire prevention and protection. The Measure provides for a citizen oversight committee to ensure the funds are spent as intended by the voters.

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