MEASURE V – CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

If approved by a majority of voters, Measure V would remove the termination date set forth in the 2011 voter-approved ordinance known as "Measure B", which authorized a one percent transactions and use tax. This tax of one percent is currently set to terminate on March 31, 2022.

The money from "Measure B," the transactions and use tax, or "sales" tax as it is more commonly referred to, is currently, and would continue to be, deposited into the City's general fund. The money is used for any general City purpose and would continue to be used for those purposes, including 911 response, police patrols, firefighter and emergency medical services, youth programs, street repaving and pothole repair, graffiti removal, economic development and other general City services. The tax revenues would continue to be subject to the annual audit performed by the City's independent auditor, which is reported in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Measure V would have no effect on the amount of the sales tax or the manner of collection. The only effect is to remove the date the tax expires. The tax would continue to be collected at the same time and in much the same manner as existing sales taxes, and collection of the tax would continue to be administered by the State Board of Equalization.

The removal of the termination date means that the one percent tax would not end on March 31, 2022. The tax would continue beyond that date unless changed again by a vote of the public.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to remove the termination date of March 31, 2022, with the effect that the sales tax would remain at 8.375% now and beyond March 31, 2022.

A "No" vote is a vote to keep the original termination date of March 31, 2022, with the effect that on March 31, 2022, the one percent sales tax would end, and the total sales tax would likely decrease to 7.375%.

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