CITY OF OXNARD CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L

Measure L was placed on the ballot by the City Council. Measure L requires a majority of "Yes" votes in this election to become effective. Measure L is one of two competing measures with different extension dates on the ballot. If the competing measures, Measure K and Measure L, both receive a majority of affirmative votes, the measure receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes takes effect.

A "Yes" vote would extend the Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) Ordinance (the Ordinance) expiration date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2050.

A "No" vote would maintain the Ordinance expiration date of December 31, 2020.

In 1998 the Oxnard voters adopted the Ordinance, which established a City Urban Restriction Boundary (CURB) and a City Buffer Boundary (CBB). The CURB defines the urban development boundary for the City of Oxnard (City) until December 31, 2020. Urban development is any development which would require the establishment of new City sewer systems or the significant expansion of existing City sewer infrastructure; the creation of residential lots less than 10 acres in area per primary residence; and the establishment of commercial or industrial uses that are not exclusively related to agriculture or the production of minerals. The CBB is established outside the CURB and within the Oxnard Planning Area. The CURB may be amended to include land within the CBB as provided in the Ordinance. Unless extended, until December 31, 2020, the City cannot change the designation of land within the CBB that is designated "Agriculture" without voter approval.

The CURB remains generally in the same place as the City's Sphere of Influence line established by the Local Agency Formation Commission, as such line existed on January 1, 1998, except where otherwise specified.

The CURB can only be amended by the voters, except that the City Council could amend the CURB without seeking voter approval in order to include land for certain exempt uses, including the construction of roads, water facilities, schools, parks and other government facilities, and for development projects that have obtained a vested right as of the effective date of the Ordinance.

Also, after making certain findings, the City Council could amend the CURB without seeking voter approval to include land for the construction of low and very low income housing; land that cannot be used for agriculture; and land that must be included in order to avoid an unconstitutional taking of the landowner's property.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure L. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (805) 385-7803 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.