

CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B

The Oxnard City Council placed Measure B, the “Oxnard Government Accountability and Ethics Act”, on the March 3, 2020 ballot. If approved, Measure B would amend the Oxnard City Code to do four things:

- Prohibit elected City officials and Planning Commissioners from accepting gifts from lobbyists or City contractors.
- Impose contribution limits on candidates running for Mayor, City Council, City Clerk or City Treasurer.
- Require posting of specific City contracts and monthly financial reports on the City’s website.
- Establish term limits for the City Council and Mayor, and change the Mayor’s term from two to four years.

The specifics of Measure B are as follows:

Prohibition Against Gifts

Measure B would prohibit elected City officials and Planning Commissioners from receiving gifts from City contractors or anyone who is seeking City contracts.

Measure B would prohibit elected City officials and Planning Commissioners from accepting gifts from anyone who is seeking to influence an elected City official or Planning Commissioner.

Elected City officials and Planning Commissioners would be prohibited from accepting or receiving gifts for performing their regular duties or for providing advice about City processes.

Contribution Limits

The City of Oxnard does not currently have any local campaign contribution limits. Measure B would enact campaign finance regulations by limiting large contributions to candidates for Mayor, City Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

City Council candidates would be limited to \$500 contributions from individuals and most political committees and \$1,000 from political action committees.

Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer would be limited to \$750 contributions from individuals and most political committees and \$1,500 from political action committees.

Measure B would limit loans to candidates to \$500, impose campaign finance disclosure requirements on candidates for local offices, and require the City Clerk to administer the City's campaign finance regulations.

Consistent with existing case law, Measure B does not place a limit on the amount of contributions that can be made to independent expenditure committees or to committees that raise money to support or oppose a City ballot measure.

Posting of Contracts and Monthly Financial Reports

Measure B would require agreements needing City Council approval to be posted on the City's website except under limited circumstances. In addition, labor agreements and agreements greater than \$200,000 would be posted on the City's website except under limited circumstances.

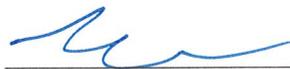
Measure B requires that the City timely post on its website its monthly financial report, which includes specific information regarding the City's budget.

Establishing Term Limits and Term of Mayor

Measure B would impose term limits on the Mayor and Councilmembers. The Mayor and Councilmembers would be limited to three consecutive terms in office.

After serving three terms, the Mayor or Councilmember would not be eligible to run for re-election or be appointed to the same position until they have been out of that office for at least two years.

Measure B would change the length of the Mayor's term from two years to four years, which is the existing term for Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer.



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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at 805-385-7805 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.