

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Measure H would extend the special tax levied for the maintenance and operation of the City of Clayton's Citywide Trails and Landscape Maintenance District, known officially as Community Facilities District 2007-1 ("CFD") through Fiscal Year 2026/2027. This measure would not change the services provided by the CFD, the rate of adjustment or the method of apportioning the special parcel tax and requires the continuation of the Citizens Oversight Committee. The CFD's boundaries encompass the entire City of Clayton.

The tax revenue pays for costs related to the on-going operations and maintenance of the CFD's trails system, roadway landscape, open space weed abatement and fire breaks, including landscaping, irrigation, hardscape, lights, and electricity. The tax revenues are placed into a restricted fund through which all eligible expenses are tracked, paid and audited. The funds cannot be spent for any other purpose by the City or other agencies.

Following the advertised public hearing on March 1, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12-2016 proposing to continue the special parcel tax in the CFD for ten years and placing Measure H on the ballot. In 2007, voters approved a special tax to fund the CFD through Fiscal Year 2016/2017. The current annual special tax amounts are:

Residential Parcels: \$ 234.84 per parcel per year.

Non-Residential Parcels: \$234.84 per parcel or fraction thereof per year.

The ballot measure continues the same tax rate methodology and same annual adjustment, including limiting any increases to the annual CPI, with no annual rate increase higher than 3% over the previous year. The proposed ballot measure would continue this same formula for an additional 10 years, until June 30, 2027.

Measure H requires approval from two-thirds of voters. If Measure H is not approved, the special tax will sunset and expire in June 2017. If Measure H is approved, the special tax will sunset and expire June 30, 2027.

Copies of all relevant reports, a boundary map of the CFD, and Council resolutions concerning the formation of the CFD are available for review in the office of the City Clerk (925-673-7300).

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's office at (925-673-7300) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

This analysis is prepared as an impartial analysis of the measure as required by California Government Code Section 53327 and Elections Code Section 9280.

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