

## CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BALLOT MEASURE A RELATING TO SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On May 23, 2017, the City Council of the City of Mendota ("City"), adopted Resolution 17-31, submitting a ballot measure ("Measure A") to the voters at a special all mail ballot municipal election to be held on August 29, 2017. Measure A provides for the adoption of an ordinance providing for the levy of an annual special parcel tax at the following rates: (i) \$400 per unit upon developed multi-family residences or apartments; (ii) \$500 per unit upon all other developed parcels; (iii) \$100 per unit upon developed parcels for senior citizens; (iv) \$50 per unit upon undeveloped parcels for senior citizens; and (v) \$100 per parcel for all other undeveloped parcels. The special parcel tax will be assessed to the owner of each parcel of real property within the City, unless the owner is exempt from taxation, in which case, the special parcel tax imposed will be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation. The special parcel tax will be levied annually commencing in 2018, and continue in perpetuity. Because some City residents within Community Facilities District 2006-1 presently pay special taxes on property for the purpose of providing police protection services that would be duplicative of the fees collected under the

Measure, the City intends, upon enactment of the Measure, to dissolve Community Facilities District 2006-1

The special parcel tax contemplated under Measure A is expected to generate an additional \$500,000-\$1,000,000 in revenue. Funds received from Measure A will be strictly used to fund local law enforcement activities. Proceeds of the special parcel tax will be deposited in a special account, created and maintained by the City, and used for the specific purposes identified in the Ordinance.

A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the special parcel tax. A "no" vote is a vote against authorizing the special parcel tax.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Elections Official's Office at (559) 655-3291 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.