



Agenda Report

October 1, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: SUPPORT PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 2; OPPOSE PROPOSITION 6 FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 STATE ELECTION AND SUPPORT MEASURE W: SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM FOR THE NOVEMBER 2018 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following positions on the upcoming November 6, 2018 Election:

- A. Support the following State Propositions and Los Angeles County Ballot Measure on the upcoming November 6, 2018 Election:
1. Proposition 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018;
 2. Proposition 2: No Place Like Home Act of 2018;
 3. Los Angeles County Ballot Measure "W": Los Angeles Region's Public Health and Safe, Clean Water Program
- B. Oppose the following State Propositions on the upcoming November 6, 2018 Election:
1. Proposition 6: Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE:

At the regular meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee on September 25th, the committee reviewed all 11 California ballot measures and the Los Angeles County measure for the upcoming November 6, 2018 election. The Committee approved a motion to support Proposition 1, Proposition 2, and Los Angeles County Measure W and oppose Proposition 6.

BACKGROUND:

For the November 6, 2018 election, Pasadena residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on a number of important bond measures, which may either bring additional funding for the City of Pasadena or eliminate much needed street improvement dollars. There are 11 State ballot measures this year and staff is recommending that the City take positions on three that have a direct or indirect impact on Pasadena. In addition to the State measures, Los Angeles County has also added Measure W, the Safe Clean Water Program, which would fund stormwater infrastructure projects in the L.A. County Flood Control District.

Attachment A provides a full list of the ballot measures for the November 2018 election. The following provides information on only those measures that are being recommended for City Council to take a support or oppose position.

State Ballot Measures

Proposition 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 – SUPPORT

Passage of this proposition authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund housing-related programs and housing loans for veterans: \$1.5 billion for the Multifamily Housing Program for low income residents ; \$1 billion for the Cal-Vet Farm and Home Loan Program; \$300 million for infill infrastructure grant financing; \$300 million for farmworker housing grant programs; \$300 million for the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program, \$300 million CalHome low income first-time homebuyer assistance; \$150 million for the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Fund and \$150 million for CalHFA home purchase assistance. This measure is intended to help build affordable homes for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, and Californians experiencing homelessness.

The California League of Cities supports Proposition 1

Proposition 2: No Place Like Home Act of 2018 – SUPPORT

Also referred to as the No Place Like Home “Homeless Housing” Ratification, Proposition 2, would ratify up to \$2 billion in previously authorized bonds to build supportive housing under the “No Place Like Home” Program for Californians living with a serious mental illness who are homeless or at great risk of becoming homeless. The measure is intended to leverage existing State funds to provide up to 20,000 permanent supportive housing units that combine housing with care that addresses mental health, substance abuse, medical and case management. Funding for the bond comes from 2004’s Prop. 63, the Mental Health Services Act.

The California League of Cities supports Proposition 2.

Proposition 6: Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative – OPPOSE

Passage of Proposition 6 would repeal SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, which allocates revenues to cities and counties to fund basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, and critical safety projects on local streets and roads. Specifically, Proposition 6 would eliminate more than \$5 billion annually in existing transportation funds and stops funding for more than 6,500 bridge and road safety, transportation and public transit improvement projects currently underway throughout California. If voters approve Proposition 6, Pasadena will no longer receive SB 1 funding, which is estimated to be \$2.38 million in FY 2019 and annually thereafter.

SB 1 revenues provide critically-needed funding for the City of Pasadena for much needed road maintenance and repairs. In FY 2019, the SB 1 funds will be used toward:

- The Resurfacing and Slurry Seal Project 1, which will resurface 5.8 miles of streets utilizing rubberized asphalt; and
- The Annual Citywide Street and ADA Improvement Project, which will resurface 4.3 miles of streets utilizing two different paving methods: cold-in-place recycling paving, and Rubberized asphalt.
- Traffic signal at Garfield Avenue and Washington Boulevard that will provide for the construction of the installation of a traffic signal.

The California League of Cities opposes Proposition 6.

Los Angeles County Ballot Measures

Measure W: Safe Clean Water Plan – SUPPORT

On July 17, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Safe, Clean Water Program and funding measure, which would impose a special parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property in the L.A. County Flood Control District (LACFCD). Impermeable surface areas are paved/built areas where rainfall cannot be absorbed into the ground and instead runs off as stormwater.

Measure W is intended to provide funding for programs and projects to increase stormwater and urban runoff capture and reduce stormwater and urban runoff pollution in the District. The goal is to ensure safe, clean water resources through the implementation of multi-benefit stormwater projects that provide two or more of the

following benefits: water supply, water quality, and community enhancement. Potential projects are green streets, low-impact-development (LID) developments, large wetlands, park infiltration galleries, and dam and reservoir retrofits.

Per the County, if approved by voters, the measure would generate approximately \$300 million per year (about \$83 per year for the median home). The collected funds will be distributed by the County as follows:

- 50% to watershed-based regional projects and programs (Regional Program)
- 40% to cities for projects/programs (Municipal Program)
 - Pasadena's share of local return is estimated to be approximately \$1.5 million
- 10% to LACFCD for projects and administration of the Program

Publicly owned parcels, including schools, are exempt under state law. Credits for property owners who have installed stormwater-capture improvements are included. Qualifying low-income seniors and non-profit organizations would also be eligible for exemption.

The proceeds from this measure will be utilized towards funding regional and local multi-benefit project solutions to City's stormwater (MS4) permit obligations.

The California League of Cities supports Measure W

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic planning goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability; improve, maintain, and enhance public facilities and infrastructure; increase conservation and sustainability; and support and promote the quality of life in Pasadena.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The results of this election could have a major impact on funding the City's capital budget. Should the collection of SB 1 be overturned, the City could lose over \$2.0 million annually for street and road improvements. However, if Measure W is approved, much needed funding for stormwater projects will be made available. Funding for affordable housing could also be realized if both Proposition 1 and 2 are successful.

Respectfully submitted,



JULIE A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant City Manager

Approved by:



STEVE MERMELL
City Manager