



Agenda Report

October 17, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Legislative Policy Committee (September 27, 2022)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT MEASURE L AND MEASURE PCC FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 LOCAL ELECTION; RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE MEASURE A AND SUPPORT MEASURE C FOR THE NOVEMBER 2022 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTION; AND RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 31 IN THE NOVEMBER 2022 STATE ELECTION.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required; and
2. Consider positions on the following ballot measures for the upcoming November 8, 2022 General Election.

Local Measures:

- Measure L – SUPPORT – Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation.
- Measure PCC – SUPPORT – Pasadena Area Community College District bond measure.

Los Angeles County Measures:

- Measure A – OPPOSE – Los Angeles County Charter Amendment Providing Authority to Remove an Elected Sheriff for Cause.
- Measure C – SUPPORT – General Tax on Cannabis Businesses in the Unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

State of California Propositions:

- Proposition 1 – SUPPORT – Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom.

- Proposition 31 – SUPORT – Referendum on 2020 Law that Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products.

BACKGROUND:

For the November 8, 2022 general election, Pasadena residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on a number of important local, County and State ballot measures.

This election, there are three local measures, two Los Angeles County measures and seven State measures on the ballot. Traditionally, the Legislative Policy Committee reviews all ballot measures against the adopted legislative platform and decides if the City should take a formal position on any of the measures. At the September 27, 2022 meeting, the Committee discussed the measures and is recommending the City Council take a position on the following:

LOCAL MEASURE L – Pasadena Public Library Services Continuation Measure.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- Measure L would maintain a special revenue source for Pasadena Public Library programs and services. If voters approve the measure, it is expected to continue to generate approximately \$2.8 million annually for 15 years in dedicated, locally controlled dollars for Pasadena's libraries.

LOCAL MEASURE PCC – Pasadena Area Community College: Locally-Controlled Funding for College Upgrades.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- Measure PCC is a Pasadena Area Community College District general obligation bond measure authorizing \$565,000,000 at legal rates, levying 2¢ per \$100 of assessed value (\$32,000,000 annually) while bonds outstanding. The measure would require a Citizen's Oversight Committee and all money locally controlled. Funds would be used to upgrade labs, classrooms/career-training facilities, fix roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, among other activities.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE A – Charter Amendment Providing Authority to Remove an Elected Sheriff for Cause.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – OPPOSE

- This measure would allow the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote, to remove the sheriff from office for cause, which is defined to include: violation of laws related to the sheriff's duties; repeated neglect of the sheriff's duties; misusing public funds or properties; willful falsification of documents; or obstruction of an investigation into the department's conduct.

Councilmember Madison recused himself from the vote on this measure, during the Legislative Policy Committee Meeting.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE C – General Tax on Cannabis Businesses in the Unincorporated Areas of the County.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- This measure would allow Los Angeles County to tax cannabis businesses in the unincorporated areas. Revenues produced by this general tax will be directed to the County's General Fund. Through the budget process, revenues may be utilized for a variety of programs to further support economic and workforce development.

STATE PROPOSITION 1

Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation– SUPPORT

- This measure would amend the California Constitution to expressly establish a right to reproductive freedom. The amendment states, "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives."

STATE PROPOSITION 31

Referendum on 2020 Law that Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- If passed, this measure would uphold a ban on the sale of most flavored tobacco products and tobacco product flavor enhancers. A "no" on Prop 31 would overturn the law and legalize the sale of flavored tobacco products in California.

For the remaining state propositions, the Legislative Policy Committee does not have recommendations for the following:

- Proposition 26: In-Person Sports Wagering on Tribal Lands;
- Proposition 27: Online and Mobile Sports Wagering Outside Tribal Lands;
- Proposition 28: Additional Funding for Arts/Music Education in Public Schools;
- Proposition 29: On-Site Licensed Medical Professionals at Dialysis Clinics; and
- Proposition 30: Programs to Reduce Air Pollution and Wildfires by Increasing Tax on Personal Income over \$2 Million.

The Legislative Policy Committee did not discuss the local rent control voter initiative, Measure H. On August 8, 2022, the City Council approved placing Measure H on the November ballot, and took a separate action to adopt a neutral position on the measure.

Attachment A provides a summary matrix of all the local, County and State measures. Additionally, positions by the League of California Cities and the City's Legislative Policy Committee are noted, if taken.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is an administrative action (general policy making) that would not cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Therefore, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA, as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Since the action is not a project subject to CEQA, no environmental document is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommendations to take a position on various ballot measures will have no fiscal impact to the City.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment