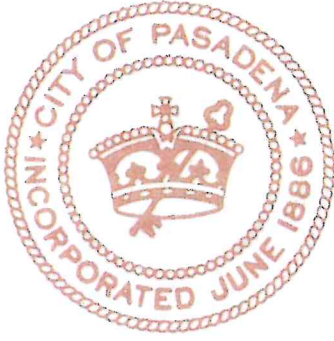




Agenda Report

October 6, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Legislative Policy Committee (October 5, 2026)

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT MEASURE PFD AND MEASURE UP FOR THE NOVEMBER 2026 LOCAL ELECTION; AND RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 1 AND OPPOSE PROPOSITIONS 39 AND 43 IN THE NOVEMBER 2026 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 California Public Resources Code Section 21065 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 3, 2026, General Election.

Local Measures:

- Measure PFD – SUPPORT – Authorizes annual parcel tax to fund Pasadena 911 emergency response and wildfire preparedness.
- Measure UP – SUPPORT – Authorizes bonds for Pasadena City College facilities and career training, without increasing tax rates.

State of California Propositions:

- Proposition 1 – SUPPORT – Authorizes bonds for Housing Affordability Programs
- Proposition 39 – OPPOSE – Requires government-issued photo ID to vote
- Proposition 43 – OPPOSE – Raises approval threshold for local special taxes to a two-thirds super majority

BACKGROUND:

For the November 3, 2026, 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 two local measures, two Los Angeles County measures and fourteen State measures on the ballot. Consistent with past practice, 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 28, 2026, meeting, the Committee discussed the measures and recommends the City Council take a position on the following:

LOCAL MEASURE PFD – Authorizes annual parcel tax to fund Pasadena 911 emergency response and wildfire preparedness.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- Authorizes an annual parcel tax of \$0.19 per square foot of improved property for 14 years (with exemptions for low-income seniors) raising an estimated \$22.1M annually to fund 911 response; prepare for/respond to wildfires/earthquakes/medical emergencies; recruit/retain well-trained firefighters; and maintain lifesaving equipment and fire alert communication.

LOCAL MEASURE UP – Authorizes bonds for Pasadena City College facilities and career training, without increasing tax rates.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – SUPPORT

- Authorizes \$485 million in bonds, without increasing the current tax rate, to construct and equip classrooms and career-training facilities; prepare students for careers in nursing, health care, firefighting/EMS, construction, hospitality, and skilled trades; and repair deteriorating campus infrastructure, including roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems.

STATE PROPOSITION 1

Authorizes Bonds for Housing Affordability Programs.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation– SUPPORT

- Authorizes state general obligation bonds to fund affordable rental housing, Multifamily Housing Programs, CalVet home loans, youth housing, and permanent supportive housing to prevent homelessness.

STATE PROPOSITION 39

Requires Government-Issued Photo ID to Vote.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – OPPOSE

- Requires voters to present approved government-issued photo identification when casting ballots in person or submitting mail-in ballots.

STATE PROPOSITION 43

Raises approval threshold for local special taxes to a two-thirds super majority.

Legislative Policy Committee Recommendation – OPPOSE

- Raises the voter approval threshold for local voter-initiated special taxes to a two-thirds super majority and restricts municipal property transfer tax authority.

For the remaining County and State propositions, the Legislative Policy Committee does not have recommendations for the following:

- County Measure A: Bans public safety strikes and requires binding arbitration for labor disputes.
- County Measure E: Strengthens the Ethics Commission and ensures community budget investments.
- Proposition 2: Increases state rainy day fund cap to 20%.
- Proposition 3: Extends tax on high incomes for school and healthcare funding.
- Proposition 4: Allows public funding for election campaigns.
- Proposition 5: Changes recall election process for statewide officers.
- Proposition 37: Creates loan program for middle-income homebuyers.
- Proposition 38: Authorizes bonds for immunology medical research.
- Proposition 40: Imposes one-time 5% tax on wealth over \$1 billion.
- Proposition 41: Requires new state taxes to count toward spending limits and be audited.
- Proposition 42: Prohibits new state personal property and retroactive taxes.
- Proposition 44: Requires clinics to spend 90% of revenue on program services.
- Proposition 45: Streamlines environmental review for certain projects.

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.

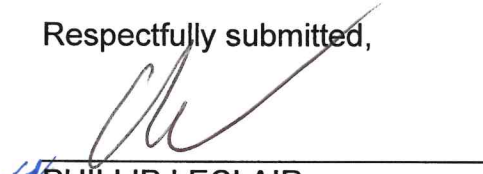
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

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 California Public Resources Code Section 21065 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.

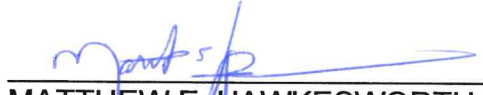
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Attachment A – November 2026 California Ballot Measures