

**INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS**  
The Santa Barbara County Counsel has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

**COUNTY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE**

The proposed measure would amend the Santa Barbara County Code to regulate the maintenance of County roads, parks, and buildings ( "County Facilities") by adding an ordinance (a) requiring the Board of Supervisors ("Board") to maintain County Facilities used by the public in a condition that is at least as good as when the ordinance is passed, (b) requiring County officials to provide pertinent information and recommendations annually to the Board, and (c) prohibiting the Board from incurring debt to implement the ordinance, unless the debt is approved by the voters.

The ordinance requires the Board to maintain all County Facilities used by the public in a condition that is the same as or better than the condition the Facilities are in when the ordinance is passed. If the condition of the Facilities improves after the ordinance is passed, the ordinance requires the improved condition to be maintained or further improved.

The ordinance requires the directors of the County Public Works, Parks, and General Services Departments to inform the County Executive Officer (hereafter "CEO") annually of the condition of County Facilities, and to recommend actions to maintain all County Facilities used by the public in the same condition as when the ordinance is passed. It also requires the CEO to present those recommendations to the Board, along with any additional recommendations the CEO may wish to make.

The ordinance requires the Board to implement the legislative intent of the ordinance through any powers the Board may, in its discretion, decide to invoke, except the ordinance prohibits the Board from incurring debt to implement it, unless the debt is approved by the voters.

The ordinance requires the Board to document its compliance by adopting a resolution stating the actions taken to comply, and the statistical measurements of the level of maintenance that were used.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS The roads, parks and buildings owned by the County are not being maintained to nationally accepted standards. A core function of County government is to prevent deterioration of the facilities that the County owns and recent Boards have failed to do so. The health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens require that County facilities not deteriorate any further.

THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

The heads of County Departments responsible for Public Works, Parks, and General Services shall inform the County Executive Officer annually of the condition of roads, parks and buildings and the actions that they recommend to keep all County roads, parks and buildings used by the public in the condition that existed at the time of passage of this Ordinance. The County Executive Officer shall present those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Board) along with any additional recommendations that the County Executive Officer may wish to make.

The Board shall maintain all County roads, parks and buildings used by the public in the same or better condition than existed at the time of passage of this Ordinance. The Board shall implement the legislative intent of this Ordinance using whatever powers the Board decides to invoke except that the Board may not implement this Ordinance by issuing debt unless the debt is approved by the voters.

The Board will document its compliance with this Ordinance by adopting a resolution stating the actions taken to comply and the statistical measurements of the level of maintenance that were used.

If the condition of County roads, parks and buildings described herein improves above the level that existed at the time of the passage of this Ordinance, the higher level of maintenance shall be maintained or further improved.

If any part of this Ordinance is held legally invalid, the remaining parts shall remain in force.

**Notice of Intention to Circulate Petition**

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the County of Santa Barbara for the purpose of this proposed Ordinance is to ensure that County-owned roads, buildings and parks are not allowed to deteriorate any further. A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

*The roads, parks and buildings owned by the County are not being maintained to nationally accepted standards. A core function of County government is to prevent deterioration of the facilities that the County owns and recent Boards have failed to do so. The health, safety and welfare of the County's citizens require that County facilities not deteriorate any further:*

The undersigned proponents of this initiative hereby request that a ballot title and summary be prepared by County Counsel in accordance with Elections Code section 9105(a) and that said ballot title and summary be furnished to the undersigned for publication in accordance with Elections Code Section 9105(b).

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