



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: June 7, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Contact Info:
SUBJECT: County Service Area No. 3 Library Ballot Measure for November 2016

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) If the City Council of the City of Goleta decides on June 7, 2016 to pursue placing a parcel tax ballot measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot for the Goleta library, then set a hearing for June 21, 2016 to consider recommendations regarding placing a measure on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot for a special parcel tax for each parcel in County Service Area (CSA) No. 3 for the purpose of providing extended library facilities services as follows: (Set a hearing for June 21, 2016. Time estimate: 10 minutes.)
 - i. Receive and consider a report from staff regarding placing a measure on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot for a possible special tax for each parcel in CSA No. 3 for extended library services;
 - ii. Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance for a special tax per parcel in CSA No. 3 for extended library services;
 - iii. Read the title: "Ordinance for a special tax per parcel in CSA No. 3 for extended library services" and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full;
 - iv. Approve and authorize member(s) of the Board of Supervisors to author, sign and submit on behalf of the Board an argument in favor of the special tax ballot measure; and

- v. Set a hearing and second reading of the Ordinance on the Administrative Agenda for July 12, 2016 to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - 1. Consider the adoption (Second Reading) of an Ordinance for a special tax per parcel in CSA No. 3 for extended library services; and
 - 2. Adopt a Resolution for a special tax per parcel in CSA No. 3 for extended library services, submitting the proposed language for such tax to the electorate for approval, and requesting and ordering consolidation with the November 8, 2016 General Election on said special tax;
- b) If the City Council of the City of Goleta decides on June 7, 2016 to not pursue placing or takes no action to place a parcel tax ballot measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot for the Goleta library, then do not set a hearing for June 21, 2016.
- c) Determine that the above Recommended Actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment A).

Summary Text:

This agenda item provides the Board with the option to place a ballot measure before the voters on the November 8, 2016 ballot for a possible special tax for each parcel in County Service Area (CSA) No. 3 for the purpose of providing extended library services. This agenda item also provides the Board an opportunity to discuss the proposed ballot language and provide any comments before the resolution is adopted. The proposed ballot question can be no more than 75 words (not including the title).

Background:

On April 5, 2016, your Board voted to pursue the placement of a special tax parcel in the CSA No. 3 for the purpose of providing public library services on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot. The action taken by the Board was in response to a letter sent by the City of Goleta dated December 8, 2015 requesting the Board place a measure on the November ballot for CSA No. 3 which would most likely be identical to the measure they will place before the voters of their city. Staff is informed that on June 7, 2016, the City Council will be asked by City staff to decide whether to pursue a City parcel tax ballot measure for the Goleta Library for the November 8, 2016 ballot. County staff recommends that a Count measure be placed on the November ballot only if the City of Goleta votes to place the City tax measure on the November ballot. Should Goleta choose to proceed with placing the tax measure on the ballot, based on CSA law the tax would be a uniform amount (between \$18-\$22 per parcel) for all improved parcels. Those parcels that are unimproved may pay a lesser amount.

At this time staff is awaiting the specific tax measure language from the City of Goleta and amount per parcel they would like to ask voters to approve. Staff expects to have the specific language available for Board consideration at the hearing which will be set for June 21, 2016.

Performance Measure:

NA

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Development and placement of the tax ballot measure is currently unbudgeted.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00

Narrative:

The incremental election cost to the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor Department should the measure levying special taxes per parcel in the CSA No. 3 area of the County be submitted to the voters of the County at the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election is estimated not to exceed \$30,000. The estimate is based upon a range of sample ballot pages and could potentially be higher or lower depending upon the actual number of measure pages.

Elections Code Section 13001 provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation for, and conduct of, elections generally are County charges. Should the measure be submitted to the voters, the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and CSD will make budget revision requests for additional funding to offset the increased incremental costs to the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor and to CSD for coordination of the process.

Staffing Impacts:

CSD staff will prepare the language and develop arguments for and against the measure.

Special Instructions:

Please send an original copy of the Minute Order to George Chapjian, at Community Services Department

Attachments:

Attachment A - CEQA Notice of Exemption

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