

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

Santa Barbara County Counsel has prepared the following 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.