

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – MEASURE AA

The City of Wildomar placed Measure AA on the ballot seeking voter approval of a 1% transactions and use tax (hereinafter, the “tax”) to be used for general municipal services and all lawful public purposes of the City of Wildomar including, but not limited to, maintaining and improving police, fire and 911 medical response times, improving local streets, addressing homelessness and other general City services. Although Measure AA is entitled “transactions and use tax” it is commonly referred to as a sales tax.

If Measure AA is approved by the voters, a one cent per dollar tax will be levied on the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail within the City of Wildomar, as well as upon the storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer within the City of Wildomar. The tax would be collected in the same manner and at the same time as sales taxes. The proceeds of the tax will be deposited in the City’s general fund and will be subject to the same independent annual audit as other general fund revenue.

Measure AA requires the creation of a “Citizens’ Oversight Committee” to furnish independent advisory review of the expenditure of the tax revenues. The Committee will meet at least twice per year and its meetings will be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Committee will consist of five members, all of whom must be residents of the City. Committee members will be appointed by the City Council for a two-year term. The Committee will annually review and report on the City’s proposed and actual expenditure of the tax proceeds, which will be submitted to the City Council for review at a public meeting. The Committee will also review the required independent annual audit prior to its final review by the City Council.

California law authorizes the City of Wildomar to levy the proposed tax if the ordinance proposing the tax is approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and approved by a majority of the voters at the November 6, 2018 election. The Council approved the tax ordinance for submittal to the voters by a 5-0 vote on August 8, 2018.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. Measure AA will be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure AA. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (951) 677-7751 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also view the full text of Measure AA at www.cityofwildomar.org.