

CITY OF CARLSBAD

(This Measure will appear on the ballot in the following form.)

MEASURE O

Do the voters of the City of Carlsbad approve spending existing city funds from various sources, including the General Fund, in an amount to exceed \$1 million to construct a replacement Fire Station 2 located at the intersection of El Camino Real and Arenal Road for an estimated cost range of \$7 million up to \$10.5 million?

This measure requires approval by a simple majority (over 50%) of the voters voting on the measure.

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

WHAT WE ARE VOTING ON:

This measure seeks voter approval to spend more than \$1,000,000 of existing general fund money for the development or reconstruction of a new Fire Station No. 2, located at or near the intersection of El Camino Real and Arenal Road. A majority vote would authorize, but not require, the expenditure of funds for the purpose of constructing Fire Station No. 2. The expenditure is estimated to be \$7 to \$10.5 million of general fund money.

The measure requires approval by a simple majority (50% plus one vote) of the voters to pass.

WHY A VOTE IS REQUIRED:

In 1982 the citizens of Carlsbad passed Proposition H, a measure restricting the use of city funds for the acquisition and improvement of real property without a vote of the people. Proposition H is found in Carlsbad Municipal Code chapter 1.24. Carlsbad Municipal Code Section 1.24.030 prohibits real property acquisition and/or improvements to real property which exceed one million dollars unless the proposed acquisition and/or improvement project and the cost in city funds is first placed upon the ballot and approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an election.

REASONS FOR A NEW OR RECONSTRUCTED FIRE STATION:

Existing Fire Station No. 2 was constructed in 1969 and it no longer meets the City's service requirements due to limited storage, outdated construction and a lack of compliance with the Essential Facilities Act in the uniform building code. Staff studied several options including replacing and reconstructing the existing Fire Station No. 2 to assure it meets service demands, equipment, building and seismic requirements.

A "YES" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "yes", you wish to authorize the City Council to approve spending general funds in an amount over \$1 million to develop or reconstruct Fire Station No. 2.

A "NO" VOTE MEANS: If you vote "no", you do not wish to authorize the City Council to approve spending general funds in an amount over \$1 million to develop or reconstruct Fire Station No. 2.

HOW MEASURE GOT ON BALLOT:

At its June 14, 2016 meeting, the City Council voted to place this measure before the voters to decide whether general funds in excess of \$1 million should be used for Fire Station No. 2.

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item authorizes the City Council to spend more than \$1 million in existing general fund money to develop or reconstruct Fire Station No. 2. The estimated cost is \$7 to \$10.5 million, but the project has not been designed and its exact cost will be determined through a detailed design, permitting, budgeting and public hearing process.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Arguments in support or opposition to the proposed measure are the opinions of the authors

THIS MEASURE CREATES NO NEW TAXES. IT ALLOWS THE CITY TO USE THE TAXES ALREADY RECEIVED IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR: Playing an integral role in the city-wide emergency system, Fire Station No. 2 is located on Arenal Rd, adjacent to the La Costa Resort. Constructed in 1969 for one full-time firefighter and a yearly call volume of less than 250, today the station maintains a staff of five full-time firefighters and responds to approximately 4,000 calls a year. The building, which was designed to house fire apparatus built in the 1960's, is too small to house the fire apparatus of the 21st century. There is also inadequate storage for crucial equipment, including fire hose, firefighting apparel, and medical supplies. The existing fire station lacks the required separation from the apparatus parking area and the working and living spaces, and medical equipment supplies. The current Fire Station No. 2 has outlived its useful life.

The new fire station will:

- Enlarge apparatus bays to accommodate new, modern fire response vehicles.
- Meet building and seismic codes, and apply new green technologies.
- Provide gender specific facilities for the modern workforce.
- Ensure medical supplies and living quarters are not exposed to carcinogens from firefighting equipment.
- Meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards.
- Follow the architectural design elements of the surrounding community.

A "Yes" vote on the Measure will authorize or allow for the expenditure of money for the construction of a new Carlsbad Fire Station No. 2. The new fire station will be located in close proximity to the existing fire station on Arenal Road to comply with the Growth Management Plan (GMP).

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE O

No argument against Measure O was filed in the office of the City Clerk