

CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H

The City Council of the City of Hemet has placed on the ballot Measure H, which asks the voters of the City of Hemet to adopt an ordinance extending without increasing the City ’s existing one percent (1%) Transactions and Use Tax previously approved by the voters as Measure U at the general election on November 8, 2016. The City’s authority to collect the existing tax will expire in 2027. If Measure H is approved, the City’s authority to collect the existing tax will continue until repealed or amended by the voters of the City of Hemet.

The one percent Transactions and Use Tax is a general tax. These tax revenues are collected by the City and may be used for any municipal purpose. On August 23, 2016, prior to the approval of Measure U by the voters, the City Council of the City of Hemet adopted Resolution Number 4703 which stated the City Council’s intention to expend all proceeds of tax for enhancing public safety services within the City of Hemet. The City Council reaffirmed this intention on December 13, 2016 following the approval of Measure U by the voters. It is estimated that the tax will generate \$15 million for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

The one percent Transactions and Use Tax is subject to an independent annual financial audit that occurs alongside the City of Hemet’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Beginning in 2020, the City of Hemet implemented an additional level of review known as an Agreed Upon Procedures to provide for an additional level of transparency regarding the revenues and expenditures of the tax. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Agreed Upon Procedures are reviewed by a Citizen Oversight Committee.

The California Constitution requires that an extension of the one percent Transactions and Use Tax be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure. A “yes” vote on Measure H authorizes the City of Hemet to continue collecting the existing tax until repealed or amended by the voters of the City of Hemet. A “no” vote will result in the existing tax expiring in 2027.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE AVAILABLE

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a complete copy of the measure, please call the elections official’s office at (951) 765-2307 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

CERTIFICATION

This impartial analysis is hereby submitted to the elections official in accordance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Dated: August 22, 2022

STEVEN GRAHAM, City Attorney

By: /s/ Steven Graham

Analysis Word Count: 351