

DISTRICT

SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A 1/2 CENT TRANSIT SALES TAX

To:

- Connect BART to Milpitas, San Jose, Santa Clara;
- Build rail connection from San Jose Airport to BART, Caltrain, light rail;
- Purchase vehicles for disabled access, senior safety, clean air buses;
- Provide light rail throughout Santa Clara County;
- Expand, electrify Caltrain;
- Increase rail, bus service;

YES 211

NO 212

Shall Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority enact a 1/2 cent sales tax for 30 years beginning 4/1/06 when current tax expires, with annual audits published in local newspapers and an independent citizens watchdog committee?

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

B CLEAN, SAFE CREEKS AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION: Shall the Santa Clara Valley Water District replace an expired program assessment with a special parcel tax, as provided in District Resolution No. 2000-44, to: protect homes, schools, businesses and roads from flooding and erosion; protect, enhance and restore healthy creek and bay ecosystems; provide additional open space trails and parks along creeks; and provide clean, safe water in our creeks and bays?

YES 214

NO 215

CITY

CITY OF CAMPBELL

F Should an Ordinance adding Section 2.04.160 — Term Limits — to the Campbell Municipal Code be adopted?

YES 217

NO 218

END OF VOTING

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MEASURE B

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B

California law permits the Santa Clara Valley Water District (the District) to levy a special tax on each parcel of land within the District or any zone(s) thereof, if the tax is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting in an election.

The Board of Directors of the District proposes to levy a special tax on each parcel within the District's combined Flood Control Zone consisting of Zones One, Two, Three, Four and Five. The tax would be in effect for a period of 15 years (July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2016). Proceeds of the tax would be used to carry out the goals of the District's Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan, which include increased protection from flooding, recreational opportunities, protection and improvement of water quality, and improvement of stream habitat. The Board would appoint an independent committee to review implementation of this plan annually.

The proposed tax is described in the District's report titled "Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection: a 15-Year Plan to Preserve & Protect Our Quality of Life." In general summary, a separate tax rate per unit of area would apply to each of five county-designated land use categories ranging from vacant undisturbed land (Group E, lowest rate) to commercial/industrial (Group A, highest rate). On parcels in any given category which are equal to or less than specified minimum sizes, a flat minimum tax could be levied. For example, a single family residential parcel (Group C) of .25 acre or less would be taxed at \$39 annually. A larger single family residential parcel would be taxed at \$39, plus \$2 per acre for the area over .25 acre. All special tax rates could be increased in any year, beginning July 1, 2002, by up to the larger of a cost of living index increase or 3%. A higher increase could be levied for up to three years immediately following a year in which a disaster is declared affecting an area of the combined Flood Control Zone.

If state legislation is enacted to allow an exemption for residential parcels owned and occupied by at least one person age 65 or older where the total annual household income does not exceed specified limits, such parcels would be exempt from the tax. No special tax would be imposed on a federal or state or local governmental agency, or upon parcels used exclusively as well sites for residential uses.

The tax would appear as a separate item on each property tax bill and would be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general tax levy for county purposes. Upon recording of the resolution confirming the special tax, such tax would be a lien upon the real property affected thereby.

A "yes" vote is a vote to authorize a special tax on parcels within the Santa Clara Valley Water District's combined Flood Control Zone for a period of 15 years.

A "no" vote is a vote not to authorize such a special tax.

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COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE B

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-44

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX TO PAY THE COST OF CLEAN, SAFE CREEKS AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN IN THE COMBINED FLOOD CONTROL ZONE OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SUBJECT, NEVERTHELESS, TO SPECIFIED LIMITS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) maintains a flood protection system of levees, channels, drains, debris basins and other improvements upon which the lives and property of District residents depend, which said improvements must be kept in a safe and effective condition; and

WHEREAS, the District policy is to ensure clean, safe water in Santa Clara County creeks, Monterey Bay, and San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the District policy is to protect, enhance and restore healthy Santa Clara County creeks, watersheds and baylands ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the District policy is to engage in partnerships with the community to provide open spaces, trails and parks along Santa Clara County creeks and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has authorized the District to levy a special tax on each parcel of property within the District or any zone or zones thereof upon receiving the approving vote of a two-thirds majority of the electorate of the District or zones therein; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the special tax is to supplement other available but limited revenues to keep said improvements in a safe and effective condition; to enable the District to respond to emergencies; to perform maintenance and repair; to acquire, restore and preserve habitat; to provide recreation; to conduct environmental education; to protect and improve water quality; and, to construct and operate flood protection and storm drainage facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District as follows:

FIRST: The Board hereby finds that since (a) the management of creeks, watersheds and baylands to ensure clean, safe water and to protect, enhance and restore healthy ecosystems; and the construction and management of flood protection services, are made necessary by stormwater runoff, and (b) the lands from which runoff derives are benefitted by provision of means of disposition which alleviates or ends the damage to other lands affected thereby, by direct protection of loss of property, and other indirect means which include improved aesthetics and quality of life, the basis on which to levy the special tax is at fixed and uniform rates per area and county-designated land use of each parcel, taxed as such parcel is shown on the latest tax rolls.

SECOND: Pursuant to the authority of Section 3 of the District Act there is hereby established a Combined Zone consisting of the aggregate metes and bounds descriptions of Zones One, Two, Three, Four and Five presently existing.

THIRD: A special District Election will be collectively called in the combined Flood Control Zone consisting of Numbers One, Two, Three, Four and Five, as established and existing within said District, on the proposition of levy of a special tax.

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE B - Continued

FOURTH: Subject to approval by two-thirds of the electors in the area specified by the collective descriptions of the combined five Flood Control Zones of the District voting at such election and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, there is hereby established a special tax as authorized by this resolution which shall be levied and the goals of the Clean Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan as summarized in Table 1 and as described in the *Clean Safe Creeks & Natural Flood Protection a 15-year Plan to Preserve & Protect our Quality of Life Report* (hereafter "Report") shall be instituted with the following provisions:

- A. The Chief Executive Officer/General Manager (CEO/GM) of the District is directed to cause a written report to be prepared for each fiscal year for which a special tax is to be levied and to file and record the same, all as required by governing law. Said report shall include the proposed special tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year at any rate up to the maximum rate approved by the voters.
- B. The CEO/GM of the District may cause the special tax to be corrected in the same manner as assessor's or assessee's errors may be corrected but based only upon any or all of the following:
 1. Changes or corrections in ownership of a parcel;
 2. Changes or corrections of address of an owner of a parcel;
 3. Subdivision of an existing parcel;
 4. Changes or corrections in the use of all or part of a parcel;
 5. Changes or corrections in the computation of the area of a parcel;
 6. As to railroad, gas, water, telephone, cable television, electric utility right of way, electric line right of way or other utility right of way properties, changes or corrections with respect to the amount of benefit received from the stream management and flood protection services provided.Changes and corrections are not valid unless and until approved by the Board.
- C. The Clerk of the Board shall immediately file certified copies of the final determination of special taxes and confirming resolution with the Auditor-Controller of the County of Santa Clara and shall immediately record with the County Recorder of said County a certified copy of the resolution confirming the special tax.
- D. The special tax for each parcel set forth in the final determination by the Board shall appear as a separate item on the tax bill and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the general tax levy for county purposes. Upon recording of the resolution confirming the special tax such special tax shall be a lien upon the real property affected thereby.
- E. Failure to meet the time limits set forth in this resolution for whatever reason shall not invalidate any special tax levied hereunder.

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE B - Continued

- F. No special tax for the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan shall be imposed upon a federal or state or local governmental agency. With said exception, a Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan special tax is levied on each parcel of real property in the five Flood Control Zones of the District subject to this resolution for the purposes stated in the Report and in this Resolution. Except for the minimum special tax as hereinafter indicated, the special tax for each parcel of real property in each such zone is computed by determining its area (in acres or fractions thereof) and land use category (as hereinafter defined) and then multiplying the area by the special tax rate applicable to land in such land use category. A minimum special tax may be levied on each parcel of real property having a land area up to 0.25 acre for Groups A, B, and C, up to 10 acres for Groups D and E Urban and, for Group E Rural, the minimum special tax shall be that as calculated for the E Urban category.
- G. Land use categories for each parcel of land in the District are defined and established as follows:
 - Group A: Land used for commercial or industrial purposes.
 - Group B: Land used for institutional purposes such as churches and schools or multiple dwellings in excess of four units, including apartment complexes, mobile home parks, recreational vehicle parks, condominiums, and townhouses.
 - Group C: (1) Land used for single family residences and multiple family units up to four units. (2) The first 0.25 acre of a parcel of land used for single family residential purposes.
 - Group D: (1) Disturbed agricultural land, including irrigated land, orchards, dairies, field crops, golf courses and similar uses. (2) The portion of the land, if any, in excess of 0.25 acre of a parcel used for single family residential purposes.
 - Group E: Vacant undisturbed land (1) in urban areas and (2) in rural areas including dry farmed land, grazing and pasture land, forest and brush land, salt ponds and small parcels used exclusively as well sites for commercial purposes.
 - Group F: Parcels used exclusively as well sites for residential uses are exempt from the special tax.
- H. The special tax rates applicable to parcels in the various land uses shall be as prescribed by the Board of Directors in each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) beginning with fiscal year 2001-2002 all as stated above, in the *Clean Safe Creeks & Natural Flood Protection a 15-year Plan to Preserve & Protect our Quality of Life Report* and as required by law; provided, that the annual basic special tax unit (single family residential parcel) shall not exceed a maximum limit of \$39, as adjusted by the compounded percentage increases of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI) (or an equivalent index published by a government agency) in the year or years since April 30, 2001; provided, however that each rate may be increased in any year by up to the larger of the percentage increase of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers in the preceding year or three percent (3%); and provided, further, however that in any period, not exceeding three years, immediately

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE B - Continued

following a year in which the Governor of the State of California or the President of the United States has declared an area of said zones to be a disaster area by reason of flooding or other natural disaster, then to the extent of the cost of repair of District facilities damaged by such flooding or other natural disaster, the maximum tax rate shall be the percentage increase in CPI plus 4.5 percent and provided, that special taxes for the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan shall be levied for a total of 15 years and, therefore, shall not be levied beyond June 30, 2016.

I. In the event that the county-designated land use for a parcel is different than the actual land use, the CEO/GM of the District may, pursuant to written policies and procedures, cause the special tax to be adjusted based upon any or all of the following:

1. The parcel owner shall provide the District a claim letter stating that the present actual land use is different than the county-designated land use, including an estimate of the portion of the parcel that is different than the designated land use. Such claim is subject to investigation by the District as to the accuracy of the claim. Parcel owner shall furnish information deemed necessary by the District to confirm the actual uses and areas in question which may include, but not be limited to, a survey by a licensed surveyor.
2. The parcel owner shall request the District to inspect the parcel and reevaluate the parcel tax.
3. The parcel owner shall notify the District after a substantial change in the actual land use occurs, including a new estimate of the portion of the parcel that is different than the designated land use.
4. The District may inspect and verify the actual land use for these parcels on a regular basis and will notify the appropriate parcel owners when it is determined that the actual land use has matched a county-designated land use. The District shall then correct the special tax rates for these parcels accordingly.

J. In the event that legislation is enacted that allows the District to provide for an exemption from the special tax for low income owner-occupied residential properties for taxpayer-owners who are 65 years of age or older, the following shall apply:

Residential parcels where the total annual household income does not exceed 75 percent of the latest available figure for state median income at the time the annual tax is set, and such parcel is owned and occupied by at least one person who is aged 65 years or older shall be exempt from the applicable special tax.

COMPLETE TEXT OF MEASURE B - Continued

K. An external, independent monitoring committee shall be appointed by the District Board of Directors to provide annual review of the implementation of the intended results of the Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Program funded by the special tax.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District on July 25, 2000, by the following vote:

- AYES: Directors Zlotnick, Estremera, Gross, Judge, Kamei, Sanchez, Wilson
- NOES: Directors None
- ABSENT: Directors None
- ABSTAIN: Directors None

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By:
GREGORY A. ZLOTNICK
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST:
LAUREN KELLER
Clerk/Board of Directors

TABLE 1 - RESOLUTION NO. 2000-44

Providing for the Establishment and Levy of a Special Tax to Pay the Cost of Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection Plan in the Combined Flood Control Zone of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Subject, Nevertheless, to Specified Limits and Conditions

Summary of Key Performance Indicators for the 15-year Plan

General Outcomes and Activities	Key Performance Indicators
1. Homes, schools, businesses and transportation networks are protected from flooding	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide flood damage reduction by increasing the stream's ability to convey the 100-year flow. 	
Permanente Creek <i>(SF Bay to El Camino Real)</i>	Flood damage reduction for 1,664 parcels that include: 1,378 homes, 160 businesses and 4 schools/institutions.
San Francisquito Creek <i>(Planning & Design SF Bay to Searsville Dam)</i>	Planning study and design of an engineering plan to provide flood damage reduction for 3,000 parcels.
Sunnyvale West Channel <i>(Guadalupe Slough to Hwy 101)</i>	Flood damage reduction for 11 parcels by increasing the creek's ability to convey the 100-year storm flow
Calabazas Creek <i>(Miller Avenue to Wardell Rd)</i>	Flood damage reduction for 2,483 parcels that include: 2,270 homes, 90 businesses, and 7 schools/institutions.
Sunnyvale East Channel <i>(Guadalupe Slough to I-280)</i>	Flood damage reduction for 1,618 parcels that include: 1,450 homes, 95 businesses, and 4 schools/institutions.
Upper Guadalupe River <i>(I-280 to Blossom Hill Rd.)</i>	Using only <u>local funding</u> , a reduced project would extend from Hwy 280 to Curtner Avenue. Frequency of flooding would be reduced, however parcels in the flood plain would still be subjected to flooding from upstream sources. <u>Local and federal funding</u> for flood damage reduction that include: 6,280 homes, 320 businesses, and 10 schools/institutions.

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General Outcomes and Activities	Key Performance Indicators
Berryessa Creek <i>(Lower Penitencia Creek to Old Piedmont Rd)</i>	Using only <u>local funds</u> , a reduced project would extend from the confluence with Lower Penitencia upstream to Montague Expressway, modifying 3 miles of channel and protecting approximately 100 parcels. <u>Local and federal funding</u> for flood damage reduction for 1,814 parcels including 1,420 homes, 170 businesses, and 5 schools/institutions.
Coyote Creek <i>(Montague Expway to 280)</i>	Planning study, design, and partial construction (to the extent allowed by available funding) of an engineering plan to provide flood damage reduction.
Upper Llagas Creek <i>(Buena Vista Ave. to Wright Ave. and W. Little Llagas)</i>	<u>Local funding only</u> would include 3.25 miles of channel construction, including a 1-mile diversion. This would provide protection from a 10-year flood event for some agricultural land, leaving areas of Morgan Hill exposed to flooding. <u>Local and federal funding</u> for flood damage reduction combined would include: 1,397 parcels comprised of 820 homes, 200 businesses, 190 agricultural parcels, and 6 schools/institutions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sediment removal to preserve flood protection capacity of creeks. 	Remove approximately 120,000 cubic yards of sediment from unimproved creeks.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of newly improved creeks 	Preserve flood protection capacity for 40 miles of newly improved creeks maintained (vegetation control and sediment removal)
2. There is clean, safe water in our creeks and bays	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to reduce pollutants from urban runoff as a co-permittee with other local agencies and expand the program to Uvas/Llagas Watersheds. 	Reduce urban runoff pollutants in South County cities.

Summary of Key Performance Indicators for the 15-year Plan

General Outcomes and Activities	Key Performance Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous materials management and incident response including reservoirs for Uvas/Llagas Watersheds 	Provide hazardous material response for Uvas/Llagas Watersheds. Respond to incidents within 2 hours of initial report. (Equivalent of approximately 180 incident responses).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impaired water bodies improvement 	Reduce or prevent additional impairment of water.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood creeks frequently inspected and cleaned of litter and graffiti. 	60 creek cleanup events. Response time to remove litter and graffiti of less than 5 working days. Additional safety fence around creeks is installed or repaired as needed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership with the county on general surface water quality protection program/outreach. 	Assist county or other cities in reduction of pollutants in surface water.

3. Healthy creek and bay ecosystems are protected, enhanced or restored as determined appropriate by the Board.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation management to protect healthy creek and bay ecosystems, and preserve existing floodwater conveyance capacity in creeks 	Creeks that are clear of plant growth that can impede water flow and reduce the flood protection capacity. Vegetation at mitigation sites properly monitored and managed to assure healthy habitat. (Equivalent of 22,000 acres removed and maintained).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community partnership to identify and implement restoration of fisheries, riparian habitat or wetlands. 	Creation of additional wetlands, riparian habitat and favorable stream conditions for fisheries and wildlife. (Equivalent of 100 acres of tidal or riparian habitat created or restored).

4. There are additional open spaces, trails and parks along creeks and in the watersheds when reasonable and appropriate.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide additional trails and open space along creeks and in watersheds. 	Community partnership to identify and provide public access to 70 miles of open space or trails along creeks

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Measure B is our county's opportunity to ensure clean, safe water in our creeks & bays and improve flood protection. -Without this measure, the resulting funding shortfall will seriously endanger both our water quality and flood protection.

Measure B will not increase our water rates. By replacing the expired assessment, Measure B will protect our homes, schools, businesses, roads, and open space from pollution, flooding, and deteriorated water quality.

Measure B reflects input from neighborhood activists, community leaders, and business, environmental, and agricultural representatives. Over two years, many public meetings helped to finalize this important measure. Measure B projects will:

- Improve water quality in creeks and bays by increasing creek cleanups and neighborhood trash removal and funding emergency services to remove hazardous materials.
- Initiate and complete critical flood protection projects to remove the threat of flooding and erosion for thousands of homes, schools, businesses, roads and highways.
- Protect endangered species, and restore natural conditions along creek corridors by creating healthy ecosystems for fish, plants, and wildlife in creeks and bays.
- Preserve our economic vitality and quality of life by enhancing creekside open spaces and preventing transportation delays and traffic jams due to flooded roads.

Measure B will qualify the Santa Clara Valley Water District for millions of additional dollars in state and federal matching funds to protect water quality and prevent flooding. Without Measure B, the residents of Santa Clara County will lose this important funding.

An Independent Watchdog Committee of business leaders, taxpayer advocates, and community representatives from across the county will carefully review program implementation and expenditures — providing annual program status reports to the public.

Remember, Measure B will not increase our water rates and will end in 15 years. Please join us in supporting Measure B to improve water quality and protect our homes, businesses, schools, roads, and environment for years to come.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Measure B is not about drinking water — it's a NEW flood control tax.

Don't be misled by the language of the ballot summary. Measure B does **not** replace any tax on your tax bill! The old assessment will continue to appear on your tax bill for many years, until bonds are paid off.

The water district has the power to raise the measure B tax 3% per year, and more in certain circumstances. It also receives a percentage of property taxes, getting an automatic boost from rising home prices.

The proposed watchdog committee will have no power over district decisions. The district can do as it chooses and must only account for how it has spent money.

The district insists on constructing large, expensive projects which severely degrade waterways and the environment, and fail to perform as promised. Over \$200 million has been spent for flood control on the Guadalupe River alone over the past 20 years. Projects expected to cost at least \$200 million are now being proposed for this river to fix past project problems.

There is **not** a consensus in favor of Measure B. The district has been nonresponsive to community input in implementing proposed low cost, environmentally friendly flood prevention projects. The projects the district is planning are not "natural flood protection."

For details visit <http://www.hbe.org/focc> or <http://home.pacbell.net/pnjhoy>.

Stop uncontrolled spending and unnecessary environmental destruction.
Vote NO on Measure B!

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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Don't be fooled by the water district's public relations campaign - they would like you to think this is a pro-environment measure. But in fact, the bulk of the money it would raise (73%) is earmarked for flood-control construction projects of the sort that environmental groups have traditionally opposed.

Some of the proposed projects are poorly specified and inordinately expensive. For example, \$35 million is allocated for flood protection on a 3.3-mile stretch of Calabazas Creek. No one knows what the district would do with this money - CalTrans has built freeways for less cost per mile! It is clear to us that the real flooding problems on this stretch of creek can be fixed for far less money, simply by fixing a number of bridges and culverts.

The water district has a history of building expensive projects that don't quite work. Many of these projects have also destroyed the environment.

Once the district has the money, the public has very little control over what it does. We deserve to get the flood protection we need without signing a blank check!

For more detailed arguments and pictures of what the water district calls "natural flood protection", see <http://www.hbe.org/focc>.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

The many untruths and false statements in the Argument against Measure B are misleading and endanger the protection of our homes and water quality.

The facts speak for themselves. Measure B is Santa Clara County's best opportunity in decades to ensure clean, safe water in our creeks & bays and improve flood protection- without increasing our water rates.

Environmentalists from across the county support Measure B because badly-needed funds will be dedicated to improving water quality, protecting endangered species, restoring natural conditions along creek corridors, and creating healthy ecosystems for fish, plants, and wildlife in creeks and bays.

The projects to protect the homes, schools, roads and businesses along Calabazas creek and other creeks throughout the county would solve many creek problems- not just flooding. These projects will help with fish passage, bank stability from erosion and routine creek maintenance and cleaning.

Don't believe the misleading claims by opponents - The water district's recent projects are widely recognized for protecting thousands of homes and residents from flooding and deteriorating water quality.

Measure B is definitely not a "blank check". Projects and end results are clearly identified and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors must approve the water district's annual budget. In addition, the results of Measure B expenditures will be reviewed and analyzed by an Independent Watchdog Committee of environmental activists, business leaders, taxpayer advocates, and community representatives.

We must not allow untruths and false statements to endanger our county's clean, safe water or flood protection. Please join us in supporting Measure B.

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Chair of Board, Santa Clara Valley Water District

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MEASURE F

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F

If approved by the voters, Measure F would prohibit Campbell City Council Members from serving more than two consecutive terms. However, someone who had served two consecutive terms could serve as a Council Member again after twenty-two months following the end of his or her last term.

For purposes of the Measure, service of a partial term of less than two years is not counted as a term of office. Furthermore, City Council terms that were commenced prior to the adoption of Measure F are not counted toward the term limitation.

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