

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "T"

(Clean-up Items)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to:

- Eliminate the requirement in Section 1103 that copies of the City's adopted budget be placed in all public libraries in the City and be reproduced for City departments, offices, and agencies.
- Specify in Section 1104 that appropriations for "City Council approved" capital projects shall not lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- Specify in Section 1111 that both a City Council approved project "and funding" shall not lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- Add the word "transparent" to the first paragraph of the Preamble, to state: "We, the people of the City of Riverside believe in promoting an inclusive community with shared economic, environmental and cultural prosperity, equal civil and political rights, social harmony and cohesion, and opportunities for all governed by responsible and responsive public officials who promote citizen participation, as well as just, transparent and equitable tax and financial policies; and these beliefs are rooted in our desire to enhance the uniqueness of the City of Riverside."
- Replace the word "citizen" in Section 411 with the word "person" to state: "Each person shall have the right, personally or through counsel, to present comments at any regular meeting of the Council, or a Council standing or ad hoc committee, or offer suggestions with respect to municipal affairs."

Currently, Riverside City Charter Section 1103 requires the City to place physical copies of the City's adopted budget in all public libraries in the City and to reproduce the adopted budget for use by City departments, offices, and agencies. The proposed amendment to Riverside City Charter Section 1103 would eliminate these requirements.

Currently, Riverside City Charter Section 1104 states an exception to the requirement that all appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year for "appropriations for capital projects". The proposed amendment to Section 1104 would specify that the exception applies only to appropriations for "City Council approved" capital projects, consistent current practices. The proposed amendment to Section 1111 would specify that both a capital project and its funding would carry over to completion, consistent with current practices.

There is no legal effect to adding to the Riverside City Charter the word "transparent" to the Preamble, or replacing the word "citizen" with "person" in Section 411.

If this Measure is approved, the amendment to Riverside City Charter Section 1103 would reduce reproduction and distribution costs of placing physical copies of the adopted budget in all public libraries and providing copies for use by City Departments, offices, and agencies. The remaining proposed amendments would have no fiscal impact.

This Measure is being placed on this ballot by the City Council of the City of Riverside, acting upon the recommendation of the Riverside Charter Review Committee.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

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NO ARGUMENTS FILED IN FAVOR OR AGAINST MEASURE "T"