



City of Chico Measure

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Charter Amendment.

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Shall Section 1110 of the Chico City Charter be amended to allow for notice of intention to receive proposals for public works contracts to be provided on the city's website or other approved methods? Yes No

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE O

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Charter Amendment – Measure "O"

This Charter Amendment ("Measure") would amend City Charter Section 1110 to allow the City Council to post notices of intent to receive proposals for public works projects on the city's website and at least one public place in the city designated for the posting of public notices at least two weeks before the date of opening of bids for the project, and allow the Council to designate additional methods of notice by ordinance, subject to the requirement that the method provide notice at least two weeks before the date of opening of the bids for the project and be posted in at least one public place in the City designated for the posting of public notices.

Section 1110 of the City Charter currently requires City contracts which provide for the construction of a public works project be competitively bid whenever the estimated cost of the project exceeds a certain amount, and requires the City to provide notice of intent to receive proposals for the public works projects once in the official newspaper of the city at least two weeks before the date set for opening of bids for the project.

This Measure will remove the requirement that notice be provided in the official newspaper of the city. Instead, the notice of intention to receive proposals will be posted on the city's website and at least one public place in the city designated for the posting of public notices at least two weeks before the date of opening of bids for the project, and allow the Council to designate additional methods of notice by ordinance, subject to the requirement that the method provide notice at least two weeks before the date of opening of the bids for the project and be posted in at least one public place in the City designated for the posting of public notices.

The effect of changing the notice requirement is that the City will no longer be required to post notice of intent to receive proposals for public works projects in the official newspaper of the city, and instead be able to post the notice on the city website or another approved method of notice adopted by the Council.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

A "Yes" vote means the voter approves the proposed changes that this Measure would make.

A "No" vote means the voter does not approve this Measure and no changes will be made to the City's Charter. This Measure will become effective if a majority of those voting on this Measure vote "Yes."

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure O. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the election official's office at (530) 896-7250 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

It is time to bring City of Chico project bid advertising into the current century!

This measure would amend the Chico City Charter to allow the City to post notices of intent to receive proposals for public works projects on the City's website and via other modern electronic methods commonly used by contractors, rather than in printed newspapers.

Noticing requirements have changed over the years, and are defined in the City's purchasing guidelines which are based upon well developed and well vetted City policies. Policies that will be updated as methods and technology advance.

A "Yes" vote would enable the use of electronic advertising for contract bids or proposals which supports the City's desire to reduce the time and significant expense from advertising projects in the newspaper.

A "Yes" vote on this measure would amend the Charter to allow modernization of and more flexibility in the project noticing requirements for public works projects into the future.

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NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE O WAS FILED