

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

Measure A, if approved by the voters, would impose a special tax within the boundaries of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (“District”) in the amount of \$85 per parcel of taxable real property beginning on July 1, 2020, and continuing unless terminated by the voters. To account for the impact of inflation on the cost of delivering the programs and services supported by the special tax, the tax rate shall be increased from the prior year’s tax rate by the average of the reported periodic annual percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Chico area over the prior twelve months, as of April of each year, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The proceeds of the special tax will be used to fund and/or finance capital improvements and to provide working capital for the operation of the District. Examples include increasing safety in parks by providing guards to patrol parks; repairing and updating aging recreation centers, playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pools and facilities; providing clean, safe parks and recreational programs; upgrading parks with lighting, security, parking and other safety features; improving and maintaining park bathrooms; ensuring accessibility of parks and recreation for persons with disabilities; and renovating and expanding parks, trails and recreation areas, and completing parks under construction.

The special tax will be collected by the Butte County Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes and will be subject to the same penalties and interest as ad valorem property taxes.

The District is required by law to provide accountability measures for the proceeds. These measure include: (1) depositing the proceeds into a fund that is separate and apart from other District funds and applying the proceeds only as set forth in the measure; and (2) providing an annual report to the Board of Directors of the District detailing the amount of funds collected and expended during the prior fiscal year and the status of any project authorized to be funded from the tax proceeds.

Passage of Measure A requires approval of two-thirds of the voters voting thereon.

A “YES” vote on Measure A means you wish to enact the special tax.

A “NO” vote on Measure A means you do not wish to enact the special tax.

This measure is placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors of the District.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call Butte County Elections at (530) 552-3400, or (800) 894-7761 within Butte County, and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure at the following website address: <http://buttevotes.net>.