

EXHIBIT B

FULL BALLOT TEXT

CHICO AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

[Letter designation to be assigned by the Butte County Registrar of Voters]

INTRODUCTION

The Chico Area Recreation and Park District (the "District") is a public agency of the State of California, formed in 1948 pursuant to section 5780 *et seq.* of the California Public Resources Code, to provide recreation opportunities to the greater Chico community in a coordinated and cost effective manner.

The District provides quality recreational programs to people of all ages in the greater Chico area at the following facilities:

- CARD Community Center/Creekside Rose Garden
- Chico Creek Nature Center
- Dorothy F. Johnson Center
- Pleasant Valley Recreation Center
- Lakeside Pavilion
- Humboldt Avenue Skate Park

The District also maintains the following community and neighborhood parks which include features like playgrounds, softball, baseball and soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, and gentle walking trails:

- Community Park
- DeGarmo Park
- Hooker Oak Park
- Wildwood Park
- Baroni Park
- Hancock Park
- Oak Way Park
- Peterson Park
- Rotary Park
- Ceres Park
- Henshaw Park
- Sycamore Field

The District also maintains pools.

District buildings have become important places for the community to gather together for concerts, celebrations, meetings, dances, weddings, dinners, classes and community events that enhance our feeling of community.

The District is committed to continuing to provide well maintained, safe, secure, high-quality infrastructure and recreation and park facilities.

The District has been supported solely through revenue received from user fees, grants, donations and funding allocated from a share of local property taxes.

The contributions the District receives from the County property tax have not kept up with inflation rates and current funding sources do not generate enough revenue to improve and maintain District facilities and build new facilities and capital improvement projects to enhance and preserve the local recreation and park resources.

The following critical needs have been identified for parks and recreation facilities improvements:

- Increasing safety in parks by providing guards to patrol parks
- Repairing/updating aging recreation centers, playgrounds, sports fields, swimming pools, and facilities that promote active and healthy living and maintain recreational programs for seniors and youth
- Providing clean, safe parks and recreational programs for all Chico area residents
- 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
- Renovating/expanding parks, trails, and recreation areas, and completing parks under construction;

The California Constitution and the California Government Code authorize the District, upon approval of 2/3rds of the electorate, to levy qualified special taxes on property in the District for the purpose of providing quality facilities and programs in the District and other lawful purposes of the District.

In the judgment of the Board of Directors of the District it is advisable to request that the Butte County Registrar of Voters (the "Registrar") call an election and submit to the voters of the District whether the District shall levy a special taxes within the District for the purpose of providing local revenue for the District.

Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Elections Code such election may be completely or partially consolidated with any other election held on the same day and in the same territory or territory that is in part the same.

The District intends to use funds collected pursuant to this measure to help fund and finance all of the projects listed above, unless the Board determines in any given year that changes in state or federal funding make doing so infeasible or inadvisable.

A. Amount, Term and Basis of Tax

The special tax shall be \$85 per Parcel of Taxable Real Property beginning on July 1, 2020, and shall continue 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 annually to account for inflation pursuant to this provision. Each year, the qualified special tax rate shall be increased from the prior

year's tax rate to account for inflation 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. Any increase shall be rounded to the nearest dollar. In the event the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Chico area is no longer published, the Board shall adopt a comparable index of general price levels as it shall determine.

The District shall provide the Butte County Tax Collector ("County Tax Collector") a report indicating the parcel number and amount of tax for each Parcel of Taxable Real Property.

To the extent allowed by law "Parcel of Taxable Real Property" shall be defined as:

(a) Any unit of real property wholly or partially in the District that receives a separate tax bill for ad valorem property taxes from the County Tax Collector.

(b) All property that is otherwise exempt from or upon which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year shall not be considered a Parcel of Taxable Real Property for purposes of the special tax in such year.

If any portion of this definition is deemed contrary to law, the Board declares and the voters by approving the Measure concur, that every other section and part of this definition has independent value, and the Board and voters would have adopted each other section and part hereof regardless of every other section or part hereof. If all sections or parts of this definition are deemed contrary to law, "Parcel of Taxable Real Property" shall be defined as any real property wholly or partially in the District assigned an assessor's parcel number.

B. No Exemptions

No exemptions from payment of the special tax may be granted.

C. Accountability Measures

1. *Specific Purposes.* The proceeds of the special tax shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified above.

2. *Annual Reports.* The proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited into a fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds of the District, pursuant to the Government Code. No later than December 31 of each year while the tax is in effect, the District shall prepare and file with the Board a report detailing the amount of funds collected and expended during the prior fiscal year, and the status of any project authorized to be funded by this measure. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as said officer shall determine, and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board.

D. Protection of Funding

Current law forbids any decrease in State or federal funding to the District resulting from the adoption of a parcel tax. However, if any such funding is reduced or affected because of the adoption of this local funding measure, then the Board may reduce the amount of the special taxes levied as necessary

in order to restore such State or federal funding and/or maximize the District's fiscal position for the benefit of the educational program. As a result, whether directly or indirectly, no funding from this measure may be taken away by the State or federal governments.

E. Severability

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this measure concur, that every section and part of this measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part of the measure or taxing formula be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts of the measure or taxing formula hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.