

Impartial Analysis for Measure BB: Costa Mesa Measure Prohibiting Athletic Fields at Fairview Park Without Voter Approval

The stated purpose of the Costa Mesa Measure Prohibiting Athletic Fields at Fairview Park without Voter Approval (the “Measure”) is to carry out the community’s desire to prohibit athletic fields at Fairview Park, while at the same time allowing for: (1) the implementation of the Fairview Park Master Plan; (2) the installation of ADA compliant trails and other facilities to ensure the Park is accessible to all Costa Mesa residents; (3) the City to utilize over \$800,000 in grants from OCTA to improve bicycle pathways at the Park, and (4) the implementation of passive recreational uses at the Park without voter approval.

If adopted, the Measure would prohibit the construction of any Athletic Fields at Fairview Park without voter approval. The term “Athletic Fields” is defined by the Measure as a piece or part of a piece of property that is developed, constructed, or otherwise improved for the purpose of facilitating organized outdoor team sports, including but not limited to lacrosse fields, baseball fields, soccer fields, football fields, volleyball courts, basketball courts, courts for tennis and other racquet sports, golf facilities, and tracks for motorized vehicles such as go-carts, but expressly not including pathways or trails which might have multiple purposes including bicycling, walking or running.

If adopted, the Measure would allow for passive recreational uses to occur at the Park without voter approval. The term “Passive Recreational Uses” is defined by the Measure as uses generally permitted by the City’s Zoning Code in Institutional and Recreational Zoning Districts, and typically occurring in parks, except Athletic Fields, and shall include but not be limited to pathways, playgrounds, bicycle trails, viewing areas, and other similar improvements related to environmental, scenic, or recreational purposes.

This Measure comprehensively regulates the same subject as the initiative known as “An Initiative Requiring Changes in Use at Fairview Park be Subject to Voter Approval” (the “Initiative”). It directly competes with, and specifically rejects the changes to the Municipal Code proposed by the Initiative. If a majority of voters approve both the Initiative and the Measure, the one with the higher percentage of the vote will control. If both measures are approved and the Measure receives a higher percentage of the vote than the Initiative, none of the changes or additions proposed by the Initiative will be implemented.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure BB. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official’s office at 714-754-5225 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.