

Impartial Analysis for Measure AA: “An Initiative Requiring Changes in Use at Fairview Park be Subject to Voter Approval”.

Measure AA, known as “An Initiative Requiring Changes in Use at Fairview Park be Subject to Voter Approval,” (“Measure”) would amend the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to require certain changes to Fairview Park, as defined, be subject to voter approval.

If adopted, the Measure would prohibit the following facilities currently authorized under the Fairview Park Master Plan from being constructed without first obtaining voter approval:

- To the east of Placentia Avenue, platforms and retaining walls for vista overlook area; a museum and/or multipurpose building; two paved parking lots to accommodate a total of 131 cars; and a playground.
- To the west of Placentia Avenue, covered picnic areas; a bus turnaround; stairs to allow bluff access; grading bluffs to prevent erosion; new restrooms; playground; and boardwalk and pedestrian bridge on new trail.

Other facilities or activities that would be prohibited unless approved by the voters include completing structures that were under construction when the initiative became effective; installation of concrete curbs; expansion of existing buildings; installation of additional lighting; expanding park hours; new trails not currently listed in the Fairview Park Master Plan; installation of water, electric, gas or sewer lines; expansion of parking lots; construction of retaining walls; an increase in the number of community events such as concerts-in-the-park, seasonal festivals or races; increased staffing to facilitate a greater number of park visitors; installation of pergolas and/or gazebos; and rest areas along trails that are larger than the minimum required by law, or are within 100 feet of one another.

The Measure would not require voter approval for habitat restoration, preservation, maintenance, public safety, expanding Fairview Park’s size, improvements pursuant to the Fairview Park Master Plan which do not require installing permanent structures, and “significant changes” approved and built before the Measure’s effective date.

The Measure requires specific information in any sample ballot measure mailed to voters prior to an election proposing any change at Fairview Park.

The voter approval requirements are in addition to all other City review and approval requirements including review under the California Environmental Quality Act that may be applicable to the specific change. The change cannot be submitted to the voters until it has first been approved by the appropriate governing body. Any amendment or repeal of the ordinance must be approved by a vote of the electorate.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters.

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