



Measure for Sensible Community Development and Development-Funded Open Space and Recreation

Measure Z

The City of Costa Mesa is adding a measure to the November 8 ballot titled Measure for Sensible Community Development and Development-Funded Open Space and Recreation. This measure would ensure that 25% of the State Developmental Hospital on Harbor Blvd would be zoned as passive or recreational open space, and establish a fee to be paid by developers for funding new recreational areas, open space and public park facilities within the City.

Currently, the City has opportunities for the creation of new athletic fields or other recreational opportunities. In 2014, the City authorized 51,016 hours of athletic field use to youth sports organizations. City parks host approximately 5,000 adults and children who use the City owned athletic fields each year.

If the Measure for Sensible Community Development and Development-Funded Open Space and Recreation passes, this measure would facilitate development of new recreational opportunities, including sports fields, and would form a new citizens' advisory committee. The committee, which will be known as the Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee, will ensure oversight and transparency of the new development impact fee and assess input from all stakeholders. Fee monies received shall only be used for the purpose of increasing active recreation, open space and public park facilities within the City.

If adopted, this measure would confirm the City's existing General, Specific and Overlay Plans as well as the City's Zoning Code. This measure is also competing with a measure titled Initiative to Require Voter Approval of Certain Development Projects.

Open spaces are vital for recreational activities, organized sports and community pride. According to the AARP and the National Recreation and Park Association, open spaces provide the following benefits:

- Increase livability and enhance property values;
- Offset the effects of air pollution;
- Provide an area for exercise and community interaction.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) research shows a correlation between easy access to green spaces and the likelihood of exercise. Open spaces in cities can be an important part of the solution in reducing obesity and associated public health costs. Parks and open spaces often provide the opportunity for participation in a wide range of outdoor recreational activities, improve air quality and reduce the amount of storm water runoff contributing to a healthier environment.

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