



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matt Cano

SUBJECT: MEASURE T COMMUNITY
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 20, 2019

Approved

Date

5-30-19

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution establishing the size, composition, and specific responsibilities of the Community Oversight Committee for the Measure T Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond Measure ballot measure approved by the voters on November 6, 2018.

OUTCOME

This action establishes the Measure T Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond Measure (Measure T) Community Oversight Committee, identifies the scope of duties of the Committee, and sets forth an annual meeting requirement and process to report back to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

On November 6, 2018, City of San Jose voters approved Measure T, with 71% support. Measure T will raise \$650 million to finance the cost of land or improvement of land for projects that will upgrade public safety facilities to improve emergency and disaster response, repair deteriorating bridges vulnerable to earthquakes, repave streets and potholes in the worst condition, prevent flooding and water contamination including the acquisition of land in the Coyote Valley for these purposes, and repair critical infrastructure.

The Measure T Resolution (Res. No. 78739) requires the City Council to appoint "a committee comprised of residents of the City to provide community oversight over the expenditure of the Bonds". Measure T also requires that the size, composition, and specific responsibilities of this Community Oversight Committee be determined by a City Council action prior to the issuance of any of the Bonds.

The City Council will be considering authorization of the first issuance of Measure T Bonds at its June 25th Council meeting. Assuming Council approval, the Measure T Bonds are scheduled to be issued in July, 2019.

ANALYSIS

The Administration recommends the Measure T Community Oversight Committee to be comprised of eleven members, with each member nominated pursuant to San José Municipal Code 2.08.180. Each Councilmember shall recommend one Committee member who is a resident of the district of the nominating Council Office. The Mayor shall recommend one member as a citywide representative. Each of the nominations shall go to the full Council for formal appointment. Nominees must be residents of San José. Nominees with subject matter expertise in the fields of emergency and disaster response, public safety, finance, and/or transportation is highly desirable.

The Administration recommends that the Measure T Community Oversight Committee serve as an advisory committee to the City Council, meeting at least once a year with responsibilities to include the following:

1. Review the expenditure of Measure T funds to ascertain consistency with the voter approved purposes for the funds;
2. In connection with the review of Measure T expenditures, review and forward to the City Council an audit of the Measure T Bonds Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30th as well as the Director of Finance's annual report on the amount of Bonds issued and the amount of ad valorem tax collected for each prior fiscal year ending June 30th; and
3. Review the status of projects funded with Measure T funds and forward a status report on the pending Measure T projects to the City Council.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Administration proposes that the nomination process start in August 2019 and that the appointment of the Committee members be scheduled for a Council meeting in September 2019. This will enable the Committee to review the first audit of Measure T expenditures in late 2020. The Measure T Community Oversight Committee will report to the City Council the performance of the Measure T Program annually.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This memorandum will be posted on the City Council's Agenda website for the June 11, 2019, City Council meeting.

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COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, City Clerk's Office, City Auditor's Office, City Manager's Budget Office, Department of Transportation, Police Department, and the Finance Department.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

No commission recommendation is associated with this action.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment - Appointments to boards, commissions, task forces and committees.

/s/
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