

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE DIRECTLY SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

The County Counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

MEASURE TO FUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES

If approved, the Measure would establish a Countywide retail transaction and use tax of one-half percent (.5%) until repealed by the voters, would be collected in a similar manner as State sales tax, and would have specified exemptions and exclusions. This Measure would establish a Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Fund for revenues generated.

Funds would only be used for specified purposes, including efforts to stop sewage pollution in the Tijuana River Valley, wildfire prevention and emergency response, access to healthcare, food assistance, and childhood development services, and authorized administrative expenses. The Measure would allocate funding as follows:

- Stopping sewage pollution in the Tijuana River Valley: 22.5%
- Public safety services and wildfire prevention: 17.5%
- Healthcare, childcare, and nutrition services: 60%

The Measure would establish a twelve-member oversight committee, who would audit how funds are spent to ensure compliance with the Measure's requirements. The Board of Supervisors would appoint the members who would have specified qualifications. The Measure would also prohibit the use of funds for such things as elected official or County employee salaries, lobbyist contracts, or government office renovations. The Measure would require public disclosure of all spending.

The Measure requires a majority vote to pass.