

Rules Committee
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Co-Chairs

Requested Modifications and Improvements to the proposed Parks Maintenance and Homelessness Services Ballot Measure:

Introduction and Overview:

- Request improved language regarding measurable, quantifiable, visible service improvements
- Request improved language ensuring the revenue raised is “new money”...in addition to what the City currently spends (e.g. “lockbox language”)
- Request improved language ensuring equitable spending

Detailed Improvements requested:

I. Ordinance, Page 4, Section B (a), (b), etc. Uses: Does not provide adequate measurable, quantifiable service level improvements

Recommended language:

(a) Mowing City operated sports fields every two weeks, and

(b) Removing litter from the City's most frequently used parks 3-4 times per week including weekend and litter container servicing; and

(c) Performing regular maintenance on frequently used trails and open spaces; and

(d) Performing regular maintenance of park assets including buildings, play structures, and trees; and

(e) Regularly cleaning City maintained park restrooms twice per day including weekends; and

(f) Acquisition of furniture, fixtures, and equipment costs associated with enhancing parks and recreational services; and

(g) Acquisition of items necessary to create and maintain parks and recreational facilities for Oakland residents. This could include, but is not limited to, non-structural interior improvements to recreational centers. This does not include acquisition or

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construction of new facilities or structural changes, additions or construction on existing facilities; and

(h) Employee staffing costs sufficient to maintain and enhance current maintenance and custodial services to parks and recreational facilities; and

(i) Costs associated with programs or services intended to enhance safety and security at parks; and

(j) Cost of purchasing equipment (vehicles, computers, etc.), supplies, facility improvements, minor additions, building modifications, and the on-boarding of staff.

(k) Full time dedicated staff at Lakeside Park, DeFermery, Arroyo Viejo, Montclair, Brookfield, Bushrod, Dimond, Mosswood, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and Morcom Rose Garden

(l) Trash and debris pick up programs designed to take trash from storm systems and improve water quality.

II. Ordinance, Page 5, Section B2 (a), (b), etc. Homelessness Services

Recommended language:

(f) Increased shelter and housing resources. Dedicate a portion of the investments from this measure to increase shelter beds with support services

(g) Safe RV parking sites with health, hygiene and security and case management services.

(h) Increased case management services and quick financial assistance programs to help keep people from becoming homeless

(i) Employment training programs to provide wage-paying work experience.

III. Ordinance, Page 14, Proposed New Section 5 "Maintenance of Effort/Lockbox"

Section 5. SPECIAL PARCEL TAX NOT TO REPLACE FY 2019-20 APPROPRIATIONS

The City's current appropriation for these services related to Oakland Parks, and Recreational Facilities may not be replaced by this Special Parcel Tax. However, there is a special consideration of not more than \$4 million dollars during FY 2020-21 budget to provide for the "one-time" funding that was part of the FY 2019-20 Budget, it would

then be part of the baseline budget going forward, in addition it would increase under the provision in Section 4. B.

The City's Fiscal year 2019-2020 appropriation for maintenance of service identified within this Special Parcel Tax may not be replaced by this Special Parcel Tax, with the one-time exception of \$4 million dollars identified in year-one (FY 2020-21) of this Special Parcel Tax. In all subsequent years there will be no supplanting of funding from any other City funding sources. There shall not be any further reductions to the FY 2019-20 budgeted amounts in future years or the Collection of the "Special Parcel Tax" will not be implemented in that Fiscal Year cycle.

IV. Ordinance, Page 14, Proposed New Section 6 "Central Services Overhead "

Current primary funding for the Parks maintenance through the LLAD is not subject to the Central Services Overhead, this Special Parcel Tax measure shall also be exempt from Central Services Overhead charges.

V. Ordinance, Page 7, Section 3 C (f)

(f) The City Council may vary these allocations by resolution which includes a City Council declaration of a Citywide "fiscal emergency" to meet urgent and changing needs, and minor variation in these allocations shall not be considered inconsistent with its purposes.

VI. Ordinance, Page 14, Section 4 B CPI Based upon sum on LAD and New Tax

B. Beginning in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and each year thereafter, the City Council may increase the special parcel tax imposed by a percentage that is up to the greater of:

- 1. The percentage change in the cost of living in the immediate San Francisco Bay Area, as determined by the twelve-month (12) Annual Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all items in the San Francisco Bay Area as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics; or*
- 2. The percentage change in California per capita personal income, as determined by the California State Department of Finance and shown in the Price Factor and Population Information Report issued each May.*