

City Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Charter Amendment – Measure “O”

This Charter Amendment (“Measure”) would amend City Charter Section 1110 to allow the City Council to post notices of intent to receive proposals for public works projects on the city’s website and at least one public place in the city designated for the posting of public notices at least two weeks before the date of opening of bids for the project, and allow the Council to designate additional methods of notice by ordinance, subject to the requirement that the method provide notice at least two weeks before the date of opening of the bids for the project and be posted in at least one public place in the City designated for the posting of public notices.

Section 1110 of the City Charter currently requires City contracts which provide for the construction of a public works project be competitively bid whenever the estimated cost of the project exceeds a certain amount, and requires the City to provide notice of intent to receive proposals for the public works projects once in the official newspaper of the city at least two weeks before the date set for opening of bids for the project.

This Measure will remove the requirement that notice be provided in the official newspaper of the city. Instead, the notice of intention to receive proposals will be posted on the city’s website and at least one public place in the city designated for the posting of public notices at least two weeks before the date of opening of bids for the project, and allow the Council to designate additional methods of notice by ordinance, subject to the requirement that the method provide notice at least two weeks before the date of opening of the bids for the project and be posted in at least one public place in the City designated for the posting of public notices.

The effect of changing the notice requirement is that the City will no longer be required to post notice of intent to receive proposals for public works projects in the official newspaper of the city, and instead be able to post the notice on the city website or another approved method of notice adopted by the Council.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council.

A “Yes” vote means the voter approves the proposed changes that this Measure would make. A “No” vote means the voter does not approve this Measure and no changes will be made to the City’s Charter. This Measure will become effective if a majority of those voting on this Measure vote “Yes.”

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