

City of Chico Voter Information Guide for Special Election

Chico Canyon Road Annexation No. 8 October 3, 2023

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"Mailed Ballot Only Election"

Voter Bill of Rights

You have the following rights:

- 1. The right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote in this special election if you are:
 - A U. S. citizen living in California
 - At least 18 years old
 - Registered voter residing <u>within</u> the affected territory
 - Not currently serving a state or federal prison sentence
 - Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2. The right to vote if you are a registered voter, even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if election officials determine you are eligible to vote.
- 3. The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 4. The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake or spoiled your ballot.

If you have not already cast your ballot, you may:

- · Ask an election official for a new ballot
- Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one
- Vote using a provisional ballot
- 5. The right to assistance casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 6. The right to language assistance.
- 7. The right to ask questions to election officials about election procedures and observe the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they may send you to the appropriate source for the answer. If you are disruptive, they are not required to assist you.

- 8. The right to report illegal or fraudulent election activity to an election official or to the Secretary of State's Office.
 - City of Chico, City Clerk's Office 530-896-7202

Secretary of State

- Email <u>elections@sos.ca.gov</u>
- Phone (800) 345-VOTE (8683)
- Website <u>www.sos.ca.gov</u>

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



Voting Instructions

How to mark your ballot:

- TO VOTE, FILL IN AND DARKEN THE BOX NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
- DO NOT mark your vote with an "x", checkmark, or thin line; you must fill in and darken the box.
 Use blue or black ink or pencil to fill in the box.
 DO NOT USE RED INK.
- DO NOT sign your name, write your initials, or write any other words or marks on your ballot.
- Complete and sign your return envelope, then seal. Your signature is compared and verified to the signature(s) on your voter registration file.

Overvotes:

If you fill in more boxes than allowed for a contest, your ballot will not be counted.

Undervotes:

If you fill in fewer boxes than allowed for a contest, your ballot will not be counted.

Check your ballot carefully:

Make a mistake? Get a replacement ballot by -

Phone - (530) 896-7202. Please note if you would like a new ballot mailed, you must submit this request in writing.

Mail ballot only. Postage will be paid, and no stamps will be necessary. If you would like to drop off your ballot in person, please take it to the City Clerk's Office located at 411 Main Street on the third floor of the building.

There will be no voting precincts.

Chico Canyon Road Annexation No. 8 Measure M

Shall the order adopted on February 2, 2023, by the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission ordering the annexation to the City of Chico of the territory described in that order and designated as the City of Chico – Chico Canyon Road Annexation No. 8 be confirmed subject to the terms and conditions specified in this order?

YES or NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE M

A "yes" vote on the measure will confirm the decision of the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission to annex the island area referred to as Chico Canyon Road Annexation No. 8 to the City of Chico. A "no" vote on the measure indicates opposition to the annexation proposal. If confirmed, the Certificate of Completion would be recorded in August 2026, consistent with the Island Annexation Agreement executed between the City of Chico and Butte LAFCo and at that time, the annexation territory would become a part of the City's jurisdiction.

The City of Chico proposes to annex approximately 107 parcels and adjacent road right-of-way to the City of Chico. The purpose of the annexation is to consolidate the City's jurisdictional boundaries and encourage the efficient delivery of urban services including, but not limited to, police, fire, public works, code enforcement, and wastewater treatment. A successful annexation will also allow affected residents to serve on and elect members of the City Council and other boards and commissions.

The annexation territory is generally located southeast of Upper Bidwell Park and northwest of California Park Subdivision. The annexation territory is 100% surrounded by the City's jurisdiction.

As a result of the annexation, the territory would be detached from County Service Area 164 (Butte County Animal Control District) as this service is provided by the City of Chico.

The City of Chico has prezoned the parcels consistent with their existing land use. Parcels south of Manzanita Avenue are prezoned R1-10 (Low Density Residential with 10,000 square foot minimum lot size). Parcels north of Manzanita Avenue are prezoned RS-1 (Rural Suburban with 1-acre minimum lot size). Parcels along Falcons Pointe Drive are prezoned RS-1-FDSD (Rural Suburban, 1-acre minimum lot size, Foothill Design Standards Overlay).

The annexation is subject to the terms and conditions in Butte Local Agency Formation Commission Resolution No. 06 2022/23.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure M. If you desire a copy of the proposition, please call the elections official's office at 530-896-7202 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

<u>ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M</u>

None received.

ARGUMENT OPPOSED OF MEASURE M

None received.

Full Text Measure M

If you desire a copy of Measure M, please call the City of Chico, City Clerk's Office at (530) 896-7202, and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the City of Chico website at the following address: https://chico.ca.us/election-information.

Deadline for voting on Measure M is October 3, 2023.

<u>Please mail ballot on or before October 3, 2023.</u>

<u>Postage is paid for therefore you will not need a stamp.</u>