

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE Y CITY OF POMONA

AN INITIATIVE CHARTER AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL UNRESTRICTED GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES BE ALLOCATED TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Under current City Charter and ordinances, Pomona's annual General Fund and other unrestricted revenue may be spent on any valid public expense of the City, as determined by the Pomona City Council through the City budgeting process. Pursuant to the California Elections Code, Measure Y qualified for the ballot through an initiative petition signed by the required number of Pomona voters.

Measure Y would amend the Pomona City Charter to require 10% of the City's annual actual unrestricted general purpose revenue ("General Revenue") to be allocated to a new Pomona Children and Youth Fund (the "Fund"), to be administered through a new Department of Children and Youth. Measure Y would also require the City to continue annually funding youth services at levels it spent in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, if those services would be eligible for funding under this Measure.

The Fund would be in addition to the money the City already spends on programs for children, youth and young adults (through age 24). The initial allocation to the Fund would be 2% of the City's annual General Revenue for the last six months of Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and would annually increase by 1%, reaching 10% of the City's annual General Revenue by Fiscal Year 2030-2031. The City Council can reduce these allocations by 10% during a "fiscal emergency" and by 20% in a "severe fiscal emergency", as defined therein.

The Fund could only be spent on programs and services identified in Measure Y for children, youth and young adults up to 24 years of age. These include programs for violence prevention, alternatives to incarceration, workforce development, parent/guardian support, education, well-being, environmental health, recreation, immigrant support (including legal services), and housing support services. The Fund could not be used for law enforcement, detention, court, probation, Fire Department services or services primarily benefiting adults over 24 years of age. Not more than 10% of the Fund could be used for administrative purposes in any fiscal year.

Measure Y would establish a City Department of Children and Youth to implement these programs and services. It would have an Executive Director hired by a Council-appointed 15-member Accountability Board. Eight Board members must be between 15 and 24 years old. The Board would review funding applications, propose to City Council a list of Fund grants to be awarded, ensure that the Department properly administers the Fund, and confirm that spending is consistent with Measure Y.

The Board would annually propose spending from the Fund for qualifying public agencies and community organizations, based on a Board-adopted Strategic Investment Plan. The City Council may either approve or disapprove all of the Board's proposals, but may not "line item" amend or modify them.

After the initial 10-year period, the measure may be renewed by the City Council, or may be renewed or amended by the voters.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Y. If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call Rosalia Butler, City Clerk/elections official at (909) 620-2311 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.