

## **CITY ATTORNEY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE J**

Community Facilities District No. 5 (RiverPark) was created to pay for specific services for the RiverPark community. Funds generated by CFD No. 5 currently pay for a range of services, including:

- Maintaining all of the parks and open space areas within RiverPark.
- Maintaining sports fields used for youth baseball and soccer.
- Helping to maintain a gymnasium used for youth sports activities.
- Funding flood and storm protection services.
- Funding additional police protection services.

Measure J would eliminate all the funding generated by CFD No. 5. Measure J would accomplish this by removing the ability of CFD No. 5 to collect any taxes. As such, if Measure J is approved by voters and becomes effective, then on and after June 30, 2025, no funding would be generated by CFD No. 5 to pay for specific services for the RiverPark community.

The language of Measure J states that – following the adoption of Measure J – the properties within the District shall “receive no less than the standard municipal services generally offered throughout the City[.]” Measure J does not define “standard municipal services”, and such term is not defined in the Oxnard City Code or other City documents.

However, under existing City regulations, the City of Oxnard will not make up the difference in funding reductions except in very limited circumstances. Pursuant to City of Oxnard Ordinance No. 3047, which adopted Oxnard City Code Section 2-225:

“If residents of a Community Facilities District...vote to terminate or substantially reduce the funding for their CFD..., then the City Council is prohibited from using money from the General Fund or other City-controlled funding sources to make up for the loss of the CFD...funding. The only exception is when specific services are required to be provided in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare.”

Measure J was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters.



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*The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure J. If you would like a copy of the measure, please call the City Attorney's office at (805) 385-7483 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure and other election materials on the City's home page at [www.oxnard.gov](http://www.oxnard.gov).*