

MEASURE NN OAKLAND COMMUNITY VIOLENCE REDUCTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

THE QUESTION

Shall Measure NN, which extends and increases the existing city-wide parcel tax and parking surcharge to fund police, violence prevention and fire services through 2033, be adopted?



THE SITUATION

In 2014, Oakland voters passed Measure Z, which extended both the parcel tax and the parking surcharge of a previous measure. The combined taxes, which now yield approximately \$30 million annually, fund police, violence prevention and fire services. Measure Z expires on December 31, 2024.

FISCAL EFFECT

Measure NN would increase the annual single family parcel tax rate from \$133.45 to \$198, the multi-unit residence rate from \$91.17 to \$132, and rates for other properties proportionally according to size. The parking surcharge for all commercial parking in Oakland would increase from 8.5% to 10%. Annual cost of living increases to the tax rates and the remittance to OFD are permitted. Regular exemptions such as those for persons with very low incomes or for qualified seniors are authorized. Measure NN would raise \$47.4 million dollars in revenue.



SUPPORTERS SAY

- Measure NN will enhance public safety by funding critical violence prevention programs.
- Measure NN revenues will pay for police and firefighters that Oakland needs and provide resources to improve the 911 system.
- Measure NN requires audits and a four year plan which will identify goals and will hold all providers to account for measuring and achieving success.



THE PROPOSAL

Measure NN would both extend and increase the parcel tax and the parking surcharge of Measure Z for nine years. Revenues would be spent to: (1) reduce homicides, robberies, carjackings and break-ins, domestic violence and other gun-related violence; (2) improve 911 emergency calls response rates; and (3) reduce human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of minors.

Revenues would be split primarily between the Oakland Police Department (OPD) (60%) and the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) (40%). Ten percent of OPD receipts would be spent on non sworn positions. Seventy-five percent of DVP receipts would be paid to community based organizations. The split would apply to revenues remaining after administrative expenses (3%) and \$3 million for the Oakland Fire Department (OFD) have been deducted.

To be able to continue to collect the tax, Oakland must budget for 700 sworn officers and obtain the City Council's approval if layoffs would reduce the number below 800. Layoffs reducing firefighters below 480 would also require approval. If the City declares that a severe and unanticipated event prevents budgeting for these staffing targets, the taxes could still be collected.

Measure NN provides for a new oversight commission of five mayoral appointees. The commission would develop four-year plans with identifiable goals and measurable outcomes to coordinate city wide efforts among departments.

Measure NN requires a bi-annual audit by the City Auditor's office and an annual spending report.

OPPONENTS SAY

- Measure Z taxes have not prevented violence, so the measure should not be extended.
- Not enough Measure NN funds would support the hiring of police officers.
- Measure NN does not state how much would fund, for example, the 911 system or specific policing or violence prevention strategies.

