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MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

STATE

55 KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004. This twelve billion three hundred million dollar (\$12,300,000,000) bond issue will provide funding for necessary education facilities to relieve overcrowding and to repair older schools. Funds will be targeted to areas of the greatest need and must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to upgrade and build new classrooms in the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, to provide adequate higher education facilities to accommodate the growing student enrollment. These bonds may be used only for eligible projects. Fiscal Impact: State costs of about \$24.7 billion to pay off both the principal (\$12.3 billion) and interest (\$12.4 billion) costs on the bonds. Payments of about \$823 million per year.

YES	+
NO	+

56 STATE BUDGET, RELATED TAXES, AND RESERVE VOTING REQUIREMENTS. PENALTIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Permits enactment of budget and budget-related tax/appropriation bills with 55% vote. Legislature, Governor forfeit compensation each day budget is late. Fiscal Impact: Varying impacts from lowering the vote requirement for budget-related measures—including changes in spending and potentially significant increases in state tax revenues in some years. Impacts would depend on the composition and actions of future Legislatures.

YES	+
NO	+

57 THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOND ACT. One time bond of up to fifteen billion dollars (\$15,000,000,000) to retire deficit. Fiscal Impact: One-time increase, compared to previously authorized bond, of up to \$4 billion to reduce the state's budget shortfall and annual debt-service savings over the next few years. These effects would be offset by higher annual debt-service costs in subsequent years due to this bond's longer term and larger size.

YES	+
NO	+

58 THE CALIFORNIA BALANCED BUDGET ACT. Requires the enactment of a balanced budget, addresses fiscal emergencies, and establishes a budget reserve. Fiscal Impact: Net state fiscal effects unknown and will vary by year, depending in part on actions of future legislatures. Reserve provisions may smooth state spending, with reductions during economic expansions and increases during downturns. Provisions requiring balanced budgets and limiting deficit borrowing could result in more immediate actions to correct budgetary shortfalls.

YES	+
NO	+

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COUNTY

INITIATIVE MEASURE ADOPTING A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

MEASURE G

G Shall Measure G be approved, adopting the general plan proposed in the Measure as the official General Plan for the County of El Dorado, and specifying those aspects of the General Plan that can be amended by the Board of Supervisors without voter approval?

YES	+
NO	+

MEASURE H (HOTEL/MOTEL TAX)

H Shall Section 3.28.030 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code, which imposes a tax on short term occupants of hotels, motels and similar facilities in the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County, be amended to raise the amount of the tax charged from eight percent (8.0%) to ten percent (10.0%) of the rent charged by the operator?

YES	+
NO	+

See arguments

09-N212B

VOTE BOTH SIDES

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**FULL TEXT MEASURE H
(HOTEL/MOTEL TAX)
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
COUNTY OF EL DORADO AMENDING SECTION 3.28.030
OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE
RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Amendment of Code. Section 3.28.030 of Chapter 3.28 of Title 3 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code entitled is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.28.030 Imposed. For the privilege of occupancy in any facility, except a camping site or a space at a privately owned campground or recreational vehicle park, each transient is subject to and shall pay a tax in the amount of ~~eight~~ **ten** percent (~~8~~**10**%) of the rent charged by the operator. The tax constitutes a debt owed by the transient to the county which is extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the county. The transient shall pay the tax to the operator of the facility at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax shall be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax shall be due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the facility. If for any reason the tax due is not paid to the operator of the facility, the tax collector may require that the tax be paid directly to the tax collector.

Section 2. Subsequent Amendment of Administrative Provisions. Nothing contained in this ordinance or the general laws of the state shall be construed to prevent the Board of Supervisors from amending or repealing in whole or in part, at any time in the future, without requiring a vote of the people, the provisions of Chapter 3.28 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code in any respect other than an increase in the amount of the tax.

Section 3. Severability. If any part, provision, section, paragraph, clause or word of this ordinance shall be finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction thereof to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby but shall be severed and given effect, it being the intent of the Board of Supervisors that if it had known that such part, provision, section, paragraph, clause or word was invalid, then it would have enacted all of the remainder of this ordinance notwithstanding such invalidity of the part severed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall not take effect until and unless approved by a majority of the voters voting for and against it at the election on March 2, 2004, and if so approved, will go into effect ten (10) days after the results of such election have been certified to the Board of Supervisors.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
MEASURE H**

Section 3.28.030 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code imposes a tax upon persons staying in a hotel, motel or other similar lodging for a period of 30 days or less. The tax is calculated as a percentage of the room charge. The tax rate currently is set at 8% of the rent charged. It is paid by the occupant of the lodging to the proprietor of the hotel or motel, or other lodging facility, who in turn remits the money to the County, which may spend it for any lawful County purpose. This tax is commonly referred to as a transient occupancy tax or a hotel/motel tax.

This measure seeks voter approval for an increase in the hotel/motel tax rate from 8% to 10% of the rent charged. Under the measure, the Board of Supervisors would retain the authority to reduce the tax or modify administrative provisions relating to the tax without voter approval, but cannot further raise the tax without voter approval. Measure H requires a majority vote of those voting for adoption. The tax increase authorized by the measure would go into effect 10 days after the results of the election are certified to the Board of Supervisors.

The County hotel/motel tax is only levied within the unincorporated area of the County, not within the boundaries of the cities of Placerville or South Lake Tahoe. Similarly, any hotel/motel tax imposed by an incorporated city within the County only applies within the city limits. Therefore, approval of Measure H would not affect lodging rates within, or occupancy tax revenues received by, the cities of Placerville or South Lake Tahoe.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve the increase in the hotel/motel tax from 8% to 10%.

A "no" vote is a vote against approving the increase in the hotel/motel tax from 8% to 10%.

s/ Louis B. Green, County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

"Measure H" will be a benefit to our community. Many of our "COMMUNITY" needs that currently are unfunded can be paid for with this additional revenue.

We respectfully request your support of Measure "H" which will raise the Hotel/Motel tax in the unincorporated areas of El Dorado County from its current rate of 8% to 10%. This rate would apply to stays of 30 days or less by business travelers, tourists and other guests in our community. **This tax is imposed on visitors, not on residents of El Dorado County.**

The current rate of 8% is lower than any of the surrounding communities. The City of Placerville is 10%, the City of South Lake Tahoe and the City of Sacramento are 12%. The proposed increase would generate approximately \$170,000 of additional revenue annually.

You should support this measure for the following reasons:

- Residents do not pay this tax, yet we get the benefits of the additional revenue to support local needs.
- The funds will pay for "Veterans' Needs", "Parks and Recreation", "Fire Services", "Road Maintenance", "Cultural Arts", "Sheriffs' Deputies", and other services that we use.
- Finally this measure will help promote El Dorado County as a tourist destination location, thus helping local economic development and job creation.

It simply makes good economic sense. That is why the Veterans Affairs Commission, Joint Chambers Commission, Friends of Our Community, Whitewater Rafting Association, Farm Trail, Arts Council, Agriculture Council, and the Visitors Authority all stand in support of the measure and urge you to vote in favor of measure "H".

Signors:

On behalf of Friends of Our Community
Retired Agricultural Commissioner, Bill Snodgrass

On behalf of the Veterans Commission, Doc League

On behalf of the Joint Chambers Commission, Dr. Vicki Barber

On behalf of Farm Trails, President of Farm Trails, Darrell Bray
Sheriff Jeff Neves

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED