

**El Dorado Hills  
Community Services District**

**AGENDA REPORT**

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Advisory Vote Ballot Measure ad hoc Committee

**By:** Brent Dennis, General Manager

**Meeting Date:** July 9, 2015

**Report Date:** July 1, 2015

**Subject:** **Approve Advisory Vote Ballot Measure Proponent Argument Statement**

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**Background:** The El Dorado Hills Community Services District is an affected agency in regards to matters of land use, zoning and development and possesses the legal authority to place a measure on the ballot for the electorate of El Dorado Hills.

An ad hoc committee was formed to advance the research, planning and necessary steps in the advisory vote ballot measure process in accordance with El Dorado County Elections requirements. The ad hoc committee members are Directors Mattock and Crumpley and General Manager Dennis.

In obtaining the El Dorado County Elections November 3, 2015 Measure Calendar, the committee identified a key subsequent requirement by the Registrar of Voters following the adoption of a resolution from the District calling a measure requesting an election as the development of a board-approved advisory vote ballot measure proponent statement of not more than 300 words. The District has the legal right to submit the first proponent argument within the filing period published by the Registrar of Voters.

The following advisory vote ballot measure proponent argument has been developed by the ad hoc committee responsible for such:

**RECOMMENDED BALLOT MEASURE PROPONENT ARGUMENT STATEMENT:**

The El Dorado Hills community has grown at an impressive rate. Development of residential and commercial properties within the El Dorado Hills Community Services District ("District") boundaries has changed the character and accessibility of countless acres of rolling hillsides and open space. Approximately 100 acres presently zoned as "open space

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recreation," exists within the District's boundaries. Previous to being open space, the 100 acres were dedicated as an executive golf course. District residents have expressed concerns over the proposed rezoning and potential development of this current open space to being zoned to allow for the development of residential and commercial properties.

This centrally located acreage of open space possesses a significant history for El Dorado Hills as a landscape for recreation and enjoyment. Wildlife corridors, native oak trees and nature trails crisscross the land and are valued by local residents of all ages. Changes in zoning could lead to development that changes the character of this open space. Rezoning would also preclude any potential creation of passive or active parkland development for the benefit of the District's residents for generations to come.

The purpose of this advisory vote is to allow for a clear message from the voters within the District to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. This advisory vote provides the voters the ability to express their desire that the property not be re-zoned from its current land use designation as "open space recreation" to a designation that allows for residential housing and commercial development on the property.

A YES vote supports the rezoning of the former executive golf course; a NO vote supports keeping the former executive golf course in its current zoning of open space recreation.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the advisory vote ballot measure proponent argument statement and direct staff to submit in a timely manner to the Registrar of Voters at the El Dorado County Elections Department to comply with the Measure Calendar requirements for a consolidated District Election for November 3, 2015.