IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE II

This Measure, placed on the ballot by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, would, if approved by voters, reduce the number of councilmembers serving on the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council (PMAC) from thirteen to five members. [29]

PMAC was established in 1992 to the advise the Board of Supervisors on matters of concern related to the Pescadero community, including land use, public health and safety, law enforcement, education, the environment, and recreation. [33]

PMAC currently consists of 13 councilmembers, all of whom are elected at large, meaning each qualified voter residing within the unincorporated areas of Pescadero, Loma Mar, South Coast, and Butano has an opportunity to vote for all candidates. Though PMAC's 13 councilmembers are elected at large, their seats are currently allocated based on residency: six councilmembers must reside in "the Pescadero area;" two councilmembers must reside in "the South Coast area;" two councilmembers must reside in "the Loma Mar area;" two councilmembers must reside in "the Butano area;" and one seat is for an at-large member. [93]

The proposed Measure would reduce the number of PMAC councilmembers from thirteen to five members and eliminate the current allocation of seats based on residency such that all five members would be elected at-large without regard to their residency within any specific PMAC geographic area. [46]

Because the proposed Measure is on the ballot at the same time as a regularly-scheduled election for PMAC councilmembers, qualified voters can vote for both the proposed Measure and current candidates for councilmember seats on PMAC. [37]

If the proposed Measure is approved by voters, the five PMAC councilmember candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the current election will be elected to serve on the five-member PMAC. Of those five candidates, the three candidates with the highest number of voters will be elected to serve initial terms of four years beginning January 1, 2025 and the two candidates with the next highest number of votes will be elected to serve initial terms of two years beginning January 1, 2025. [82]

A "yes" vote on this Measure would reduce the number of councilmembers eligible to serve on PMAC from thirteen to five members elected at-large without regard to their residency within any specific PMAC geographic area. [36]

A "no" vote on this Measure would leave the number of councilmembers eligible to serve on PMAC unchanged at thirteen members with their sets allocated based on residency. [28]

This Measure passes if a majority of those voting on the Measure vote "yes." [14]

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