Measure A was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters. The measure would adopt an ordinance amending the policies and goals of the Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan to:

Prohibit the construction of any residential, commercial or industrial building or structure on property designated as open space on the Buena Park General Plan Land Use Map ("General Plan Map") unless approved by the electorate at a general municipal election (i.e., a regularly scheduled election at which members of the City Council are elected). Public parks and a few other public facilities, such as flood control easements, are designated as open space on the General Plan Map and would be subject to this requirement. The privately-owned Los Coyotes Country Club and Southern California Edison properties are also designated as open space on the General Plan Map and would be subject to these provisions.

Prohibit changing the land use designation of these properties on the General Plan Map to any designation other than open space without a vote of the electorate at a general municipal election.

Amend the General Plan to only permit new recreational uses at the Los Coyotes Country Club and to delete authorization for new hospitality hotels and golf course oriented residential dwelling units at this facility.

The measure requires the City to amend the Buena Park General Plan and all ordinances, policies and implementation programs and policies necessary to bring the General Plan and the zoning ordinance into consistency with the measure.

The measure further provides that it is retroactive to August 14, 2014, with the purpose of rendering invalid any City action taken after that date that is inconsistent with the measure.

The measure provides that it can only be amended by a vote of the electorate at a general or special election (i.e. one that is specially called for this purpose) and includes a severability clause so that if portions of the measure are deemed invalid, the remaining portions will remain in effect.

A “yes” vote on Measure A means that you favor the proposed changes to the General Plan and a “no” vote means that you oppose these changes.

Measure A requires approval by a majority of the voters in Buena Park voting on the measure to become effective.

s/ Steve Dorsey
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