



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

Date: June 4, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

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Subject: **Adopt a Resolution to Support and Endorse Proposition 68, which Authorizes Bonds Funding for Parks, Natural Resources Protection, Climate Adaptation, Water Quality and Supply, and Flood Protection.**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation - That the City Council adopt a resolution supporting and endorsing Proposition 68, which Authorizes Bonds Funding for Parks, Natural Resources Protection, Climate Adaptation, Water Quality and Supply, and Flood Protection.

Fiscal Impact – To be determined if Proposition 68 is passed

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposition 68 would authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. The largest amount of bond revenue would go toward neighborhood parks in park-poor neighborhoods. Staff believes there would be reasonable potential for the City of Pomona to qualify for such funding, should the proposition be approved.

DISCUSSION

Proposition 68 is a general obligation bond that invests \$4 billion in the coming years to tackle some of California's most important water, park, and natural resource needs. The state legislature passed the California Clean Water & Parks Act (SB5) with bipartisan support, and it will appear on the June 5th statewide ballot. The measure will need a 50% +1 vote to pass.

The largest amount of bond revenue—\$725 million—would go toward neighborhood parks in park-poor neighborhoods in accordance with the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008's competitive grant program. The term “park-poor” is defined as having less than 3 park acres per 1,000 residents. Between 15 and 20 percent of the bond’s funds would be dedicated to projects in communities with median household incomes less than 60 percent of the

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statewide average; this threshold equated to about \$39,980 in 2016. The measure would also reallocate \$100 million in unissued bonds that voters approved via Proposition 1 (2014), Proposition 84 (2006), and Proposition 40 (2002).

Based on 2016 data, the City of Pomona has approximately 1.38 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which is less than half of the requirement for being considered park-poor. Staff believes that if the proposition were approved, the City would have a reasonable opportunity to receive additional funding to improve our parks.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Proposition 68 Text (SB5)
3. Bond Revenue Distribution Table