

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "I"

### City of Riverside Measure "I"

(Remove Oversight of Street Trees from Park and Recreation Commission - Charter Section 809)

If approved by a majority of the voters, this Measure would amend the Riverside City Charter to remove oversight of the maintenance of parkways, shrubs, and trees within street right-of-way from the Park and Recreation Commission.

The current Riverside City Charter provides that one of the powers and duties of the Park and Recreation Commission is to consider the annual budget and act in an advisory capacity to the Riverside City Council in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation, parkways and street trees. This Measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, would remove "parkways and street trees" from the powers and duties of the Park and Recreation Commission. "Street trees" includes all trees on City streets and medians. The Park and Recreation Commission would retain oversight authority over trees in City parks. The City Council would continue to exercise oversight of City street trees.

If this Measure is approved, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

This Impartial Analysis is hereby submitted to the Elections Official in conformance with Section 9280 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This Measure does not result in any new City powers.

Dated: March 19, 2012

By: Gregory P. Priamos  
City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "I". If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Clerk's Office at (951) 826-5557 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE "I"

The city of riverside has the distinction of possessing more than 110,000 trees that line our parkways and streets. Riverside has been referred to as "the city of trees" on more than one occasion. The city of riverside feels so strongly about the care and maintenance of these assets that they employ a fulltime urban forester to work with and advise the public works department on tree and shrub care in our street right-of-ways. He follows a comprehensive urban forestry program and provides expert decisions in arboriculture. He works with the 311 system to attend to any concerns citizens may have regarding trees within street right-of-way.

With these standards in place, it is time to update our city charter section 809, as set forth in measure "I", to reflect current assignment of these responsibilities to the public works department. The current park and recreation commission discussed this change and it was the general consensus that the public works department is doing an excellent job of maintaining trees in the street right-of-ways.

A yes vote on measure "I" is an update to the city charter to reflect a comprehensive care and maintenance program, already carefully crafted, to take care of our city street trees and parkways.

By: Sharon Tyrrell, resident

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE "I"