

## MEASURE A County of San Benito

### Ballot Question

Shall an ordinance reauthorizing the San Benito County Vehicle Abatement Program and imposing associated vehicle registration fees (\$1.00 per vehicle and an additional \$2.00 for certain commercial vehicles) for a ten-year term under California Vehicle Code Sections 9250.7 and 22710, or any successor statutes thereto, for the purposes of removal and disposal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, be adopted?

### What your vote means?

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote would authorize the DMV to collect the AVA Fee in the amount of one (\$1.00) dollar for every vehicle registered in San Benito County, and an additional (\$2.00) dollars for certain commercial vehicles registered in San Benito County for a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of removal and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles.	A "No" vote would mean that the DMV would not collect the AVA Fee.

### What will you find in this pamphlet?

County Counsel's Impartial Analysis  
Auditor's Fiscal Impact  
Argument in Favor  
*No Argument Against was Submitted*

The following statement is an impartial analysis of Measure A. If you desire a copy of the full text of the Ordinance, please contact the Department of Elections at:



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## COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

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This analysis of the renewal of the abandoned vehicle abatement program fee, Measure A, is prepared and submitted in accordance with Elections Code Section 9160. This measure was placed on the ballot by a vote of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors.

Sections 22710 and 9250.7 of the California Vehicle Code authorize the establishment of the San Benito County Abandoned Vehicle Authority (AVA), as well as the imposition of a fee on all registered vehicles, except for those vehicles which are exempt from the payment of registration fees. The fee, which is referred to as the AVA fee, is charged at a rate of one (\$1.00) dollar for every vehicle registered to an owner with an address in the County, and an additional (\$2.00) dollars on commercial vehicles weighing 10,001 pounds or more.

The AVA Fees are collected by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and then disbursed to the San Benito County Abandoned Vehicle Authority. The fees may only be used for the abatement, removal, and disposal of any abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles, or vehicle parts located on public or private property within San Benito County. The AVA Fee must be renewed every ten (10) years by a vote of the electors.

A YES vote would authorize the DMV to collect the AVA Fee in the amount of one (\$1.00) dollar for every vehicle registered in San Benito County, and an additional (\$2.00) dollars for certain commercial vehicles registered in San Benito County for a term of ten (10) years for the purpose of removal and disposal of abandoned and wrecked vehicles.

A NO vote would mean that the DMV would not collect the AVA Fee.

The AVA Fee will not be renewed, and the AVA Fee will not be collected, unless the measure is approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the registered voters voting on Measure A.

Dated: March 20, 2018

s/ BARBARA THOMPSON, County Counsel

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## AUDITOR'S FISCAL IMPACT FOR MEASURE A

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Measure A reauthorizes the collection of the San Benito County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) fee. The fee is \$1.00 per vehicle and an additional \$2.00 for certain commercial vehicles. Fees are collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles on registered vehicles in the County. The Abatement fees received by the County will provide most, but not all, of the revenue associated with the Code Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement Division.

AVA fee collections for fiscal year 2013–14 and 2014–15 totaled \$50,933 and \$53,877, respectively. In fiscal year 2015–16, collections occurred in only two quarters (July 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015) due to the narrow loss of Measure H at the November 4, 2014 election. Measure “H” passage required a 66 2/3% threshold but the Measure’s results fell just short and received 66.13% “yes” votes. Based on historical averages, the Auditor-Controller estimates Abandoned Vehicle Abatement fees will bring in approximately \$52,000 annually in AVA fee revenue.

Revenues collected through this measure shall only be used for expenditures associated with the enforcement of ordinances and codes that abate abandoned vehicles and other nuisances to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

In accordance with the Election Code, the scope of this fiscal impact analysis has been limited to the measure’s impact on revenues and expenditures. It does not address larger countywide fiscal issues such as the measure’s effect on the overall County economy.

s/ JOE PAUL GONZALEZ, County Auditor-Controller

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

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Voting Yes on Measure A will reauthorize an important local program for all residents of San Benito County, including the cities of San Juan Bautista and Hollister. This **one-dollar** fee (\$2 for certain commercial vehicles) is collected on each vehicle registration. Removal of abandoned vehicles, through the continuation of the San Benito County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) program, provides a **necessary local service** by reducing risk to the environment, removing safety hazards, and maintaining the visual beauty of our community. Risks to the environment include fluids leaking or rust leaching from abandoned vehicles that can enter waterways or habitats through drainage systems. Vehicles abandoned in roadways present safety hazards by occupying a portion of a roadway or shoulder. Finally, **abandoned vehicles are an eyesore**; unsightly visual blight which should not be allowed to exist in our County.

Since its inception in 1991, the AVA program resulted in the removal of **approximately 6,000 abandoned vehicles in San Benito County**. Voting Yes on Measure A will reauthorize the fee that was originally imposed in 1991 for an additional ten-year period. Not approving Measure A will result in the loss of over \$50,000 in annual revenue.

Vote Yes on Measure A.

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SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
s/ Anthony Botelho, Chair \*

*\*=Signing on behalf of a Group or Association*

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## NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A WAS SUBMITTED

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