CITY OF COLTON
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "__"
CHANGING THE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER
FROM AN ELECTED TO AN APPOINTED OFFICE

On March 3, 2026, the City Council placed Measure "__" on the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election ballot. Measure "__" asks Colton voters whether the position of Colton City Treasurer should be an appointed position or remain an elected one. If Measure "__" passes, the City Treasurer would be appointed by the Colton City Council and no longer elected by Colton voters. If Colton voters approve Measure "__", the City Council will appoint the next City Treasurer when the term of the current incumbent expires in November, 2028.

Currently in Colton, an elected City Treasurer serves a four year term. The Office was last elected in November, 2024, is currently occupied by Mr. Michael Razo, and will expire in November, 2028. California law requires that general law cities, like Colton, have either an elected or appointed City Treasurer. However, a transition from an elected City Treasurer to an appointed City Treasurer must be approved by a majority of the City's voters voting at an election. If Measure "__" passes and the position becomes appointed, the City Council will decide the minimum education and training requirements for the position and periodically review the City Treasurer's performance.

A "yes" vote on Measure "__" will convert the office of Colton City Treasurer into an appointed position and no election for the City Treasurer's Office would be held in November, 2028 or future years unless and until changed again by Colton voters via another measure.

A "no" vote on Measure "__" will leave the City Treasurer as an elected office which would be placed back up for election in November, 2028.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "__". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call Stephanie Vargas, the City's elections official at (909) 370-5001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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