

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO – REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

From: Phil Savage, Chairperson
Measure Z Oversight
Committee

Subject: Report from the Measure Z
Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z
Funds – July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Date: March 30, 2009

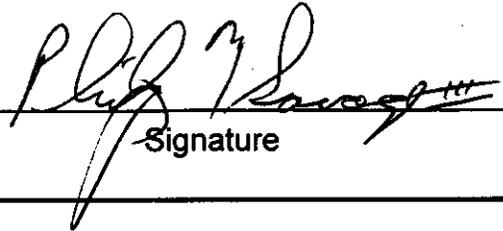
M/CC Meeting Date: April 20, 2009

Synopsis of Previous Council Action:

April 7, 2008 – Mayor and Council receive and file the report from the Measure Z Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds – April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007

Recommended Motion:

That the report from the Measure Z Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z funds – July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, be received and filed.


Signature

Contact person: Lori Sassoon **Phone:** 5122

Supporting data attached: staff report, report **Ward:** All

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: **Amount:** none

Source: (Acct. No.)

(Acct. Description)

Finance: _____

Council Notes: _____

Agenda Item No. 36

4-20-09

STAFF REPORT

Subject:

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Background

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On February 19, 2009, the Measure Z Oversight Committee reviewed the attached report from the City’s auditors regarding the use of Measure Z funds for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The Committee also reviewed summary information provided by the Finance Department concerning the use of funds by category.

On March 25, 2009, the Committee unanimously voted to approve its narrative report to the voters. Committee Chair Phil Savage and other members of the Committee will be present at the April 20 meeting to provide the report verbally to the Mayor, Council, and the community.

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council also receive and file the report. The report will also be made available on the City’s website for public review.

Financial impact:

None

Recommendation:

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**CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor, Common Council and Voters of the City of San Bernardino

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In the Spring of 2008, the Committee reviewed the preliminary expenditure budget for Measure Z for FY 08-09. On May 28, 2008, the Committee adopted a motion to accept in concept the FY 08-09 Measure Z budget as presented; and to retain the ability to review and make further recommendations as necessary. At its meeting of June 10, 2008, the Committee again reviewed the preliminary expenditure plan that was eventually adopted by the Mayor and Council as part of the City’s annual budget.

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Action and Recommendation

The Committee voted to receive and file the report, and forwarded to the Mayor and Council and recommended that the Mayor and Council also receive and file the report.

The report will also be made available on the City's website for public review.

Categorical Analysis of Use of Measure Z Funds

The Committee also received and reviewed a report from the City's Finance Department concerning the use of Measure Z funds by category. A copy of that report is attached and will also be made available on the City's website for public review.

The Measure Z Oversight Committee is directed by the language of Measure Z "to review the expenditure of proceeds of the taxes imposed by this ordinance and report on those expenditures to the voters of the City at least once a year". The Committee has reviewed and concurred in the opinion of the auditors that the Measure Z funds have been expended during fiscal year 2007 – 2008 in accordance with the language of Measure Z. The Committee also confirms that expenditures were made in accordance with Measure YY.

However, the Committee has had little input and absolutely no control over how it was spent. Some members of the Committee have repeatedly expressed their concern about this Committee not being able to provide input from the public in the decision making process as to how Measure Z funds are expended.

It is to be noted that during fiscal year 2007/08 Measure Z funds were expended as follows:

- \$4,838,594 for police department salaries and benefits, recruitment & travel, supplies & operating expenses, contractual services, internal services-garage charges, capital outlays, and debt service; and
- \$93,200 on Operation Phoenix.

It is further noted that the Committee has reviewed the Police Department's 5-year hiring plans, but has not received or reviewed a 5-year plan for prevention and intervention activities. Review of these documents was one of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee that was identified by the Mayor and Council. At such time that a plan for those activities is prepared, the Committee will review it.

Respectfully submitted,

Measure Z Oversight Committee