

CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

From: Marlene Evans, Chairperson **Subject:** Report from Measure Z Citizen's Oversight
Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds –
Committee July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Date:
November 17, 2010

MCC Date: December 6, 2010

Synopsis of Previous Council Action:

- 04-20-2009 Mayor and Common Council receive and file the report from the Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds – July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
 - 04-07-2008 Mayor and Common Council receive and file the report from the Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds – April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
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Recommended Motion:

That the report from the Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds – July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, be received and filed.



Signature

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Supporting data attached: Staff Report; report, attachments **Ward(s):** Citywide

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: **Amount:** N/A

Source: _____

Acct. Description: _____

Finance: _____

Council Notes: _____

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STAFF REPORT

Subject:

Report from the Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee on Uses of Measure Z Funds – July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Background:

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Section 18: Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Mayor and Common Council shall create a Citizen's Oversight Committee, which shall 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.

On October 19, 2010, the Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee reviewed the attached report dated January 15, 2010 from the City's auditors regarding the use of Measure Z funds for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The Committee also reviewed summary information provided by the Finance Department concerning the use of funds by category, a copy of which is attached. On November 10, 2010 the Committee met to receive additional information from the staff as well as the attached letter, dated November 8, 2010, from the City's auditors.

At its meeting of October 19, 2010, the Committee voted unanimously to receive and file the report from the City's auditors and forward it to the City Council. At its meeting of November 10, 2010 the Committee voted to approve its narrative report to the Mayor and Common Council and the voters by a 7:1 vote with Committee Members Machen, Jenkins, Martindale, Maxwell, Savage, Grossman and Chair Evans in support; Committee Member Robert Evans in opposition; and Committee Member Rosales absent. Therefore, it is recommended that the Mayor and Common Council receive and file the report, which will also be made available on the City's website for public review.

Financial Impact:

None

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Exhibits: Committee Report
Auditor's Report
Auditor's Letter

**CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

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Analysis of Use of Measure Z Funds

The Measure Z Citizen's 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 with the opinion of the auditors that the funds have been expended during FY 2008-09 in accordance with the language of Measure Z. The Committee also confirms that those expenditures were made in accordance with Measure YY.

The Committee notes that during FY 2008-09 the Measure Z funds were expended as follows:

- \$7,384,389 for police department salaries and benefits, supplies and operating expenses, contractual services, internal services-garage charges, capital outlay and debt service
- \$162,030 for parks department salaries and benefits and supplies or operating expenses

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.

Members of the Committee discussed the unexpected economic down turn and the unavoidable consequence it had on the anticipated expenditure of Measure Z funds, as well as on the General Fund. Although the City was unable to staff as many positions as originally projected, the committee acknowledged that the funds are still being spent in accordance with Measure Z and YY. Some Committee members expressed some concern that a significant proportion of the funds are expended on crime suppression and recommend that the City take steps to ensure that the programs dedicated to crime prevention and intervention, as well as those focused on suppression, are supported by Measure Z funds.

Action and Recommendation

The Committee voted to receive and file the Auditor's report and letter, and forward them to the Mayor and Common Council to also receive and file. This report will be made available on the City's website for public review.

Respectfully submitted,

Measure Z Citizen's Oversight Committee