

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE X**

This ordinance, called the "Health and Safety First Ordinance of 2007," amends the Imperial County Codified Ordinances by making it unlawful to import sewage sludge into Imperial County with the intention of disposing of it therein. To be adopted, the ordinance must be approved by a majority of the voters. "Sewage sludge," also known as bio-solids, is defined as treated solid or semi-solid residue generated as a byproduct of the treatment of domestic or industrial sewage. "Disposal" means storing, incinerating, chemically converting, processing, applying or dumping upon, private or public land. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect citizens from the health and safety hazards connected with the importing and disposing of sewer sludge. The ordinance prohibits any governmental agency or entity from authorizing the disposal of imported sewer sludge. Existing holders of permits allowing disposal of imported sewer sludge have 6 months to discontinue importing sludge. The authority for the ordinance is found at Art. XI, Sec. 7 of the California Constitution, which states that a county may make and enforce all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws. Any portion of the ordinance deemed unconstitutional is unenforceable, but the remaining portions shall remain enforceable. A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Every day of violation is a separate offense.

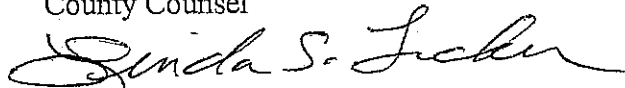
A "yes" vote is a vote to enact an ordinance prohibiting the importation of sewer sludge into Imperial County with the intention of disposing of it therein.

A "no" vote is a vote not to enact such an ordinance.

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure X. If you desire a complete copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (760) 482-4226, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.**

Very truly yours,

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