



City of Santa Rosa

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Title:	REPORT - MEASURE K - SONOMA COUNTY VOTER APPROVAL PROTECTION FOR "COMMUNITY SEPARATORS"				

BACKGROUND: On September 20, 2016, Council voted to put this on the agenda to determine whether the Council will move to endorse this measure. This measure concerns county provisions requiring voter approval to remove or amend open space separation provisions designed to prevent development on about 17,000 acres of open space land designated as "community separators." Although this measure would have no effect on the provisions themselves, it would extend a voter approval requirement preventing the county board of supervisors from changing or removing the green space protections without a countywide vote.

In 1989, the county board of supervisors enacted provisions preserving about 17,000 acres of open space land by designating it as "community separators" and prohibiting residential and commercial development in such areas. Just under a decade later, county electors solidified those provisions protecting "community separators" by approving measures requiring voter approval for any changes to the boundaries and restrictions of the "community separators." The measures also required voter approval for the authorization of any exceptions allowing specific development projects within the open space buffers.

When they were first approved, the voter approval protections were set to expire in 2016. Thus, without the approval of this measure, the provisions requiring voter approval to amend "community separators" designations or to authorize developments within such areas would no longer be in place. The "community separators" provisions themselves were not set to expire.

RECOMMENDATION: The Council should consider whether, by motion, to endorse this measure.

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