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SUPERIOR COURT UPHOLDS CITY CLERK'S DETERMINATION ON MEASURE O BALLOT ARGUMENT

City to Send Sample Ballot Pamphlet to Printer on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. - (Dec. 19, 2014) – Superior Court Judge Joann O'Donnell today upheld City Clerk Elaine Doerfling's determination that the ballot argument in opposition to Measure O satisfied the requirements of California elections law. Judge O'Donnell denied the relief sought by petitioner Raymond Dussault to modify the opposition argument by removing language he felt was false and misleading. As a result, the argument will be presented as submitted to the City Clerk.

The City Clerk will submit the sample ballot pamphlet to the printer on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. The ballot arguments for and against the proposed oil drilling and production project will appear in the ballot pamphlets to be mailed to all voters in early 2015 for the Tuesday March 3, 2015 election.

The final date for residents to register to vote for the March 3, 2015 election is February 16, 2015. Click [here](#) to register online.

Residents and community members are encouraged to visit the City's "**March 3, 2015 Election**" page (<http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=797>) for updates and materials in relation to the election. This page is maintained by the City Clerk and will continue to be updated with information until election results are certified. Questions regarding the ballot measure and election should be directed to the City Clerk's office at 310-318-0203.

Background Information: March 3, 2015 Election

A Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Hermosa Beach on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 where the following measure, titled Measure O, will be submitted to the voters:

Shall E&B Corporation's 34 well oil and gas drilling/production project at the City's 555 Sixth Street maintenance yard be approved by 1) amending the General Plan and Municipal Code to exempt the project from the City's oil drilling ban and repeal the restriction on City's use of project royalties, 2) awarding a pipeline franchise to transport oil/gas underground, 3) approving a 34 year development agreement, and 4) determining that project financial benefits outweigh its unavoidable environmental impacts?

The City's website continues to be a resource for information in relation to the proposed project and includes the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Health Impact Assessment



(HIA) and Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA), various presentations and additional updates received from the City's independent consultants in relation to the Project. Visit www.hermosabch.org and click on "Proposed E&B Oil Drilling and Production Project." This Project page will continue to be updated as needed with new factual information leading up to the March 3, 2015 election.

Additional questions regarding the project may be directed to the Community Development Department at 310-318-0242.

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About Hermosa Beach

Founded in 1907, Hermosa Beach is known as "The Best Little Beach City." Named "Southern California's Greenest City" for its work to protect the environment, it is a thriving community of some 20,000 residents located on the southern end of Santa Monica Bay in Los Angeles County, and its beaches have been ranked among the best in the world. To learn more, please visit www.hermosabch.org.