**Explanatory Statement for County Voters’ Pamphlet (2026)**

Ballot Title Caption:

Measure Number: Word Total (500 Maximum):

**(Explanatory Statement Shall Be Typed)**

Person responsible for the content of the Explanatory Statement:

(Typed)

(Signed) **X**

Name of the Organization the person represents, if any.

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| **For Office Use Only**Word Count (500 Maximum): Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |

**Instructions**

1. **The Explanatory Statement shall be typed. The text of the Explanatory Statement will be printed as submitted**. The County Clerk’s office will not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax. No corrections to these errors will be allowed after the filing deadline. Please proof your submission before filing.
2. The word total shall not exceed 500 words.
3. Generally, any word found in a dictionary counts as one word. Hyphenated words that are listed in a dictionary as one word and can be used either with or without a hyphen will count as one word. All other hyphenated words will count as more than one word.
4. The Explanatory Statement shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the statement and include the name of the governing body that person represents.
5. The Explanatory Statement shall be filed with the County Clerk of the county in which the administrative office of the electoral district is located.
6. The Explanatory Statement **shall be filed by 5 pm** on the filing deadline for the notice of measure as shown in the table below.

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| **ELECTION:** | **March 10, 2026** | **May 19, 2026** | **August 25, 2026** | **November 3, 2026** |
| Deadline for candidates that file candidacy with County Clerk’s Office:  | January 8, 2026 | March 19, 2026 | June 25, 2026 | September 3, 2026 |

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