COUNTY COUNSEL’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

Measure G is an advisory vote concerning the expenditure of any revenue from the proposed new Solano County 2016 Transactions and Use Tax (Measure H), if the voters approve the measure.

California Election Code section 9603, subdivision (c) governs the purpose and effect of an advisory vote. It states that an advisory vote is “an indication of general voter opinion regarding the ballot proposal. The results of the advisory vote will in no manner be controlling on the sponsoring legislative body.”

Measure G’s purpose is to indicate the general opinion of the County voters whether any new funds raised by an increase in the transactions and use tax rate by Measure H shall be returned to the County’s eight public entities to fund transportation improvements, such as maintaining local streets and roads, filling potholes, implementing road safety programs, and protecting transportation for seniors and disabled persons; whether the administrative and oversight expenses incurred shall be limited to no more than 1% of the new revenue; whether addressing senior and disabled issues shall be up to 3% of the new revenues; whether to reserve a minimum of 96% of the new revenue for maintenance and repair of local streets and roads and road safety projects; and whether an appointed independent citizens’ oversight committee shall provide public oversight and accountability in the distribution of funds and the implementation of the improvements consistent with the intent expressed in this advisory vote.

The opinion expressed in this advisory vote, while of interest to the Board of Supervisors, is not in any manner legally controlling on the Board of Supervisors’ use of any new County revenues.

Respectfully submitted,

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[EC § 9160]