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FULL TEXT OF LOCAL FUNDING MEASURE For BOULDER CREEK RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MEASURE PURPOSE

Keeping our parks open and our community safe are keys to making Boulder Creek a safe and great place to live. As a Special District agency BCRPD focuses on providing quality programs that support children, youth, families and seniors.

Budget cuts may force limited use of our facilities and parks and/or elimination of certain Services/ Programs; BCRPD has carefully managed a limited budget for over 60 years to ensure that all programs operate efficiently. Recent years of growth and use of our facilities has been positive and exciting for BCRPD, but the District has little to no Capital Improvement budget to assist in continuing to support this growth. These budget challenges can start to impact our current and future services.

Without additional revenue, BCRPD may be forced to: Close many local parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities and restrooms · Reduce or eliminate after school and weekend programs · Reduce or eliminate programs that help seniors on fixed incomes interact with others, stay active and remain independent · Leave damage and graffiti on parks and playgrounds unrepaired · Suspend maintenance, care and administration of some parks · Reduce garbage pickups at parks and recreation facilities ·

If approved, this locally controlled measure would provide funding of \$36 per parcel for 30 years. None of the funds could be taken away by the County or the State or be spent on administrators or salary increases. Every year, BCRPD would develop an annual spending plan so the community can provide their input.

PROCEDURES Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, this local funding measure and its parcel tax will become effective as of January 1, 2023. The tax will be levied at the rate of \$36 per parcel of taxable real property per year for 30 years. The Boulder Creek Recreation & Park District Board of Directors may increase the benefit assessment by 3% each year to reflect the latest cost of living adjustments, if warranted. Each year the Board of Directors will review and determine whether an increase would be required. The tax will be collected by the Santa Cruz County Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector") at the same time as and along with, and will be subject to the same penalties as general ad valorem taxes collected by said Tax Collector. The tax and penalty will bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid ad valorem property taxes until paid. Any tax levied will become a lien upon the properties against which taxes are assessed and collectible as herein provided. With respect to all general property tax matters within its jurisdiction, the Santa Cruz County Tax Assessor or other appropriate County tax official (the "County") will make all final determinations of tax exemption or relief for any reason, and that decision will be final and binding. With respect to matters specific to the levy of the special tax, including the Senior Citizen Exemption and the treatment of certain contiguous parcels as allowed below, the decisions of BCRPD will be final and binding. The procedures described herein, and any additional procedures established by the Board of Directors, will be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or recomputation of the special tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved

by BCRPD or by the County will be determined by BCRPD, in coordination with the County as necessary. The Board of Directors may adopt such additional or supplemental procedures as it deems necessary or convenient for the administration of the special tax.