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# **VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET FOR LOCAL MEASURE**

**Consolidated with the  
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**Ballot  
Measure**

**A.—County Airport Initiative**

**Arguments in support or opposition of the  
proposed measure are the opinions of the authors.**

## COUNTY AIRPORT INITIATIVE

ORDINANCE NO.....

AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA PROHIBITING THE COUNTY OF VENTURA FROM OWNING OR OPERATING CERTAIN KINDS OF AIRPORT PROPERTIES AND REGULATING THE COUNTY IN ITS OWNING AND OPERATING OF CERTAIN OTHER KINDS OF AIRPORT PROPERTIES.

THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

### SECTION 1.

(a) VOTERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE AIRPORTS LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS. Prior to the establishing, owning, operating, leasing or maintaining of any airport by the County of Ventura located in whole or in part within any incorporated city in the County of Ventura, approval by the majority of voters voting at any election on such issue of any such city shall first be obtained.

(b) EFFECT ON EXISTING AIRPORTS. This Section shall not prohibit the County of Ventura from maintaining and operating any airport which was regularly and actively being operated by any governmental entity or agency as an airport on a day to day basis with flight operations as of December 1, 1972; provided, however, such excepted airport shall not have any runways added, nor shall any of the runways of such excepted airport be extended, widened, lengthened, strengthened nor capped unless the question of such addition, extension, widening, lengthening, strengthening or capping of such runway or runways has been submitted to the voters of the city in which such airport is located and a majority of those voting on such question have voted in favor thereof. Maintenance and repair of existing runways that would not expand the then existing levels of service provided by said runways may be performed without such a vote.

SECTION 2. ZONING RESTRICTIONS AROUND AIRPORTS NOT LOCATED IN CITIES. Except as may be permitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 of this ordinance, the County of Ventura shall not establish, own, lease, operate nor maintain any airport located in unincorporated territory, if any portion of any runway of such airport is within one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of any property limited by the applicable zoning ordinance for such property to residential uses.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF "AIRPORT". For the purposes of this ordinance, airport shall include any airstrip, landing strip, pad, runway or other facility for the landing or taking off of fixed-wing or other aircraft, including helicopters. This ordinance shall not be applicable to public safety or emergency heliports or public safety or emergency helipads.

SECTION 4. AGENCIES AND ENTITIES AFFECTED. For the purposes of this ordinance, the County of Ventura shall include any agency or entity formed pursuant to a contract to which said County is a party, or any agency or entity of which said county is a party or a member, or any agency or entity established by said county.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The people hereby declare that they have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

## COUNTY AIRPORT INITIATIVE

### MEASURE "A"

### IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL\*

This ordinance, if approved, would provide that the County of Ventura shall not establish any airport to be located wholly or partially within any city located in the County without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters of that city. The ordinance would apply only to the County of Ventura and would not affect the establishing, owning, operating, leasing or maintaining of an airport by a private entity, a city, or other entities, except where one of the foregoing has a contractual arrangement with the County of Ventura.

The ordinance would completely prohibit the County of Ventura from establishing any airport in unincorporated territory where any portion of the runway of the airport would be within one and one-half (1-1/2) miles of property zoned for residential use. This one and one-half (1-1/2) mile limitation would apply only to an airport located outside a city.

The ordinance would not prohibit the County of Ventura from maintaining, repairing and/or operating any airport regularly operated by a governmental entity as of December 1, 1972. This means that the County of Ventura can continue to operate the Ventura County Airport located in the City of Oxnard; however, no maintenance and repair of existing runways at that airport which would have the effect of expanding the levels of service could be made without first obtaining the approval of a majority of voters of the City of Oxnard. In addition, no runways of the Ventura County Airport at Oxnard could be extended, widened, lengthened, strengthened nor capped, and no runways could be added, without first obtaining the approval of a majority of voters of the City of Oxnard.

As defined in the ordinance, the term "airport" includes any air strip, landing strip, pad, runway or other facility which provides for the landing or taking off of aircraft, including helicopters. Public safety or emergency heliports and helipads are exempted from the operation of the ordinance.

Provision is made for severance of any portion of the ordinance which is declared unconstitutional by court decision. The ordinance would become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing analysis expresses no opinion as to the constitutionality or legal validity of all or any portion of the proposed ordinance.

\*Section 3781 of the California Elections Code requires the County Counsel to prepare an impartial analysis of each measure appearing on the ballot.

## ARGUMENT FOR COUNTY AIRPORT INITIATIVE—"A"

A "Yes" vote on this ordinance will give the residents of Ventura County a substantial voice in the County's location and development of airports.

SECTION 1(a) requires approval by a simple majority of any City's voters before the County may locate an airport within that city's boundaries. SECTION 1(b) permits existing airports to continue operations as in the past. SECTION 2 would permit the County to locate an airport in unincorporated territory so long as the airport is one and one-half (1 1/2) miles from any property zoned for residential uses. Should the County want to put an airport in unincorporated territory within one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of residentially zoned property, that property would have to be rezoned to other uses. This would require public hearings at which the voice of the people may be heard and applied to the decision making process.

Passage of the proposed ordinance would insure local control over location of County airports within cities and throughout the County would allow the citizens most affected by such decisions to participate, giving them a voice now inadequately represented through the regional composition of the Board of Supervisors. Rather than precluding valuable airport development, this ordinance would allow for open participation in the decision making processes and discussion of such location by those most involved, those who will have to live with an airport. This ordinance would prevent one city being forced to accept an airport within its perimeters which its residents do not want. By virtue of the power of the ballot this ordinance would give any community the opportunity to work for a desirable facility and exert a reasonable influence over its location and operational procedures. We urge a "Yes" vote on this proposed ordinance.

s/ STEVEN J. STONE  
Proponent  
Attorney

### — REBUTTAL ARGUMENT —

The argument submitted in favor of Measure "A" presupposes that a small group in one city of the nine incorporated cities in Ventura County should be able to dictate to the vast majority of the voters of Ventura County as to County airport needs.

This is not the democratic way to conduct County business. This assumption of the proponents should be rejected by a "NO" vote on Measure "A".

VENTURA COUNTY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
s/ Walter W. Hoffman, President  
s/ Paul L. Seramur, Executive Secretary

## ARGUMENT AGAINST COUNTY AIRPORT INITIATIVE—"A"

The Ventura County Taxpayers' Association strongly urges a "NO" vote because:

1. The State of California Legislative Counsel has reviewed the Initiative and has rendered an opinion that it is invalid.
2. Enactment of a City of Camarillo Property Tax to "fight this battle in the Courts to the very end" would be wasteful to the taxpayers.
3. The Oxnard Air Force Base is the best location available in Ventura County for the convenience of residents and distance from residential zones. Millions of dollars have been spent for air-rights which prohibit residential building and the present land use of industry and agriculture around the Base can be retained permanently.
4. With one good airport the County can drop plans to build a Tierra Rejada Airport, and also phase out the County Airport at Oxnard.
5. This "one good Airport" plan is the best plan possible for all the people in terms of amenity, service and minimal tax costs.

### SUPPORT ONE GOOD AIRPORT VOTE "NO" ON THIS INVALID INITIATIVE

VENTURA COUNTY TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION  
s/ Walter W. Hoffman, President  
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### — REBUTTAL ARGUMENT —

Only one of the five objections brought against the initiative applies to it, and that one objection completely misses the point:

1. Any question of the validity of the initiative is unimportant. The important point is that the initiative is the voters only chance to show their concerns and have a voice in their community's life. Furthermore, the courts have already ruled that the initiative is "not patently invalid".
2. A Camarillo tax to fight OAFB activation or anything else has nothing to do with this initiative. Camarillo's taxes are of a concern to the citizens of Camarillo only.
3. Passage of this initiative does NOT mandate abandonment of any airport—it re-affirms democratic local rule.
4. Passage of this initiative has nothing to do with what the County may or may not do concerning Tierra Rejada Airport or the County Airport at Oxnard.
5. Passage of this initiative has no connection with any "one good airport" plan or any other plan; it simply permits voters to vote on new airports in their cities.

Legality of the initiative is to be left solely to the courts and cannot be settled by vote; returning local control to local voters is a fight for all of us to support. Camarillo taxes, closing airports, changing plans are NOT mandated by this initiative—only local democratic rule.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION "A".

s/ STEVEN J. STONE  
Proponent - Attorney