This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Coalinga. This measure seeks to amend the City of Coalinga’s prohibition related to marijuana dispensaries within city limits. This measure, if approved by a majority of the voters, will enact an ordinance that authorizes a single marijuana dispensary in the City of Coalinga. The location has not been determined. If a majority of voters approve a single marijuana dispensary, it would be taxed at the rate of 10% of gross receipts. No other marijuana dispensaries would be allowed in the City of Coalinga.

Revenues from the tax would be deposited in the City’s general fund which is used to pay for police and fire protection, senior and youth programs, street repairs, code enforcement, employee salaries and benefits and other City services. The City of Coalinga has an overall deficit that exceeds $3,000,000.00.

A “yes” vote on this measure is a vote to approve a single marijuana dispensary in the City of Coalinga and to approve a tax on that single marijuana dispensary at the rate of 10% of gross receipts. A “no” vote is a vote to reject the establishment and taxing of a single marijuana dispensary in the City of Coalinga.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Ordinance No. 789 or Measure ___. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voter’s office at 559-600-3011 or the Coalinga City Clerk at 559-935-1533, extension 113, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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