

MEASURE D

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE NAPA COUNTY COUNSEL

The Napa County Code currently allows personal use airports and heliports in most of the zoning districts in the County, upon grant of a use permit. The County Code defines personal use airport and heliport as an airport or heliport limited to noncommercial activities of an individual owner of family and occasional guest. It does not include airports and heliports that support commercial activities.

Measure D, if approved by the voters, would amend the Napa County Code to largely eliminate personal use airports and heliports in zones other than Airport (AV) districts.

The County Code additionally allows helicopter landings in support of direct agricultural production activities such as aerial spraying and frost protection in most zoning districts, without use permit approval. Measure D would require that, where helicopter takeoffs and landings occur at locations other than a public airport, such takeoffs and landings must be in support of direct aerial agricultural activities, must only transport persons essential to that activity, and must be unavoidable. Measure D would also require that, within forty eight (48) hours of any takeoff or landing in support of direct agricultural activities, the helicopter operator must submit a written report to the director of Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services containing specified information about the takeoff or landing.

The County Code currently allows emergency medical services landing sites upon grant of a use permit. Measure D does not change or affect this provision.

A YES VOTE MEANS you want to amend the Napa County Code to prohibit personal use airports and heliports and place restrictions on when helicopter takeoffs and landings in support of aerial agricultural activities may occur.

A NO VOTE MEANS you do not want to amend the Napa County Code to prohibit personal use airports and heliports and place restrictions on when helicopter takeoffs and landings in support of aerial agricultural activities may occur.

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