



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: July 21, 2010 REPORT NO: 10-109
ATTENTION: Council President and City Council
Docket of July 27, 2010
SUBJECT: Tax Rate Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011
REFERENCE:

REQUESTED ACTION:

Funding is appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Budget for Public Safety Communication Bonds, \$2,319,427, and for Zoological Exhibits, \$8,018,590. City Council is requested to adopt an ordinance setting the tax rates for funding of Public Safety Communication Bonds and Zoological Exhibits by the last day of August of each year to meet the tax levy deadline determined by the County Assessor. The tax rates for Public Safety Communication Bonds and Zoological Exhibits are 0.00116% and 0.00500%, respectively.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the Ordinance.

SUMMARY:

Public Safety Communications Bonds

On June 5, 1990, voters approved the issuance of \$25,500,000 of general obligation bonds for the Public Safety Communications Project, which included new Police and Fire communication centers, new computer field units, and 800 megahertz radio systems. Fiscal Year 2011 will be the final year for collection of revenues for the payment of debt service with the final payment to be made in July 2011. The tax rate of 0.00116%, in addition to the fund balance, will provide sufficient revenues to pay off the debt.

Zoological Exhibits

The zoological exhibits in Balboa Park are financed from a fixed property tax levy of \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation mandated in the City Charter, Section 77A. The revenue generated from this tax levy is to be used by the San Diego Zoological Society to fund new and existing exhibits and attractions to increase attendance to the Zoo and Balboa Park.

The following is a comparison of Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2010 tax rates:

Purpose	FY2011 Per \$100 AV*	FY2010 Per \$100 AV*
Public Safety Communication Bonds (Fund 300000)	0.00116	0.00113
Zoological Exhibits (Fund 200219)	0.00500	0.00500

*Assessed Valuation

The Zoological Exhibits tax rate remains unchanged consistent with City Charter Section 77A, while the Public Safety Communications Bonds' tax rate has increased over Fiscal Year 2010 due to a decrease in the City's overall assessed value.

The Charter of San Diego, Section 75 requires that an annual Tax Levy be adopted by ordinance no later than the last day of August of each year.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding is appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Budget for Public Safety Communication Bonds, \$2,319,427, and for Zoological Exhibits, \$8,018,590. The Tax Rate Ordinance is required to collect funds to meet these bond payments and Charter obligations.

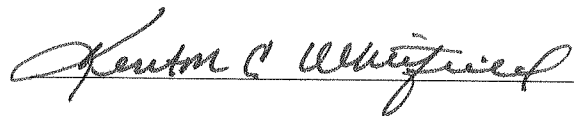
PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION: None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: None



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