

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLUMAS COUNTY COUNSEL
OF QUINCY LIGHTING DISTRICT - MEASURE "D"**

This measure would authorize the Quincy Lighting District ("the District") to levy a special parcel tax on each parcel of real property located within the District in an amount not to exceed \$31.34 for the year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and then in an amount not to exceed \$18.56 each year after July 1, 2019, for the specific purpose of providing or enhancing street lighting services within the District. Parcels exempt from property tax are excluded from paying the tax. The taxes will be collected on the Plumas County property tax bill in the same manner as county property taxes. This measure would also increase the District's spending limit as established by Article XIII B of the California Constitution by an amount equal to the revenue from the special tax for a period of four years. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, proceeds from the special tax are subject to statutory accountability measures which include, but are not limited to, deposit to a separate account and an annual report by the local agency detailing the amount of the funds collected and expended. This measure will pass if two-thirds of the votes cast vote "Yes." A "YES" vote favors imposing the special tax. A "NO" vote opposes imposing the special tax.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors sitting as the board of directors of the District.

Dated: August 24, 2017

/s/ R. Craig Settlemire, County Counsel, Plumas County

Argument in Favor of Measure "D"

Argument in favor of the Quincy street lighting district special parcel tax Quincy Lighting District was formed in July 1922. East Quincy Lighting District was formed in January 1961 and was annexed by Quincy Lighting District on June 17, 2008.

The Quincy Lighting District (which includes Quincy and East Quincy Street areas) has been under financial stress for years, to the point that the district does not currently have sufficient revenue to pay the street lighting bills received by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E). The present day expenses are approximately \$69,000, while the revenue from property taxes is approximately \$33,000. Of the \$69,000 expenses, 80% goes to pay the PG&E bills.

The majority of the street lights are owned and maintained by PG&E and charged monthly based on wattage. This monthly fee is the primary expenditure to the district and covers electricity and all maintenance required. This type of rate structure covers 322 lights in the Quincy Lighting District other than the decorative non-standard lights owned by Quincy Lighting District, with the monthly PG&E bill covering electricity only.

The shortage of existing tax funding for street lights necessitates a parcel tax increase of \$31.34 per year (which is equal to \$2.61 per month) for each taxable parcel in the district for the first year and \$18.56 for each year (which is equal to \$1.55 per month) thereafter to properly fund the district. The higher first year tax is to repay the loan of \$24,700 from Plumas County General Fund.

Without passage of the Quincy Street Lighting District parcel tax, some or all street lights will need to be turned off.

/s/ Robert Thorman, Associate Engineer

/s/ Lori Simpson, Plumas County Supervisor

COUNTY OF PLUMAS



Voter Information Guide

Quincy Lighting District

Measure "D"

UNIFORM DISTRICT ELECTION

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Plumas County Clerk-Recorder
Registrar of Voters
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QUINCY LIGHTING DISTRICT

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017
UNIFORM DISTRICT ELECTION**

INFORMATION

An election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 within the boundaries of the Quincy Lighting District. Voters in the district will receive a Vote by Mail ballot along with this Voter Information Guide. A postage paid return Identification Envelope is also provided to return your voted ballot. No stamp is necessary.

YOUR SIGNATURE and Plumas County residence address are required on the return Identification Envelope for your ballot to be counted.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 7, 2017, Election Day. We advise you to **mail your ballot early** to avoid any postal delays.

You may also return your ballot at the convenient Ballot Return Box located outside of the Courthouse at 520 Main Street, Quincy, California, or in Room 102 of the Courthouse.

Sample Ballot for the Quincy Lighting District
Uniform District Election on
November 7, 2017
Plumas County, California

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

- To vote you must darken the oval  next to the word "YES" or "NO", using only black or blue ink. Do Not Use Red.
- Do NOT place any mark or signature on the ballot that makes it identifiable.
- Do NOT cut or tear any portion of the ballot
- If you mismark an oval or change your mind, exchange your ballot for a new one

VOTE LIKE THIS: 

MEASURE "D"

"Shall the Quincy Lighting District be authorized to adopt a special tax on each parcel of real property within the District in an amount not to exceed \$31.34 for the year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, and then in an amount not to exceed \$18.56 each year after July 1, 2019, to be effective and collected with Plumas County general property taxes with the proceeds from such taxes deposited to a special fund to be used to provide or enhance street lighting services within the District; and shall the appropriations limit of the District required by Article 13B of the California Constitution be increased by the amount of the annual proceeds of this special tax? The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to levy the special tax at a lower rate."

YES

NO