

Impartial Analysis of Measure _

On January 27, 2026, the Board of Supervisors voted to place Measure _ on the June 2, 2026 general municipal election ballot. By placing Measure _ on the ballot, the County complies with California Government Code section 23711, which requires a majority of the voters to approve a proposed charter.

If this Measure is approved by a majority of Kern County voters, this Measure would establish a charter within the County of Kern. The proposed Charter provides that a vacancy on the Kern County Board of Supervisors may be filled by Board of Supervisors appointment or special election if ordered by the Board, rather than appointment by the Governor under current law.

Appointees must be qualified voters in the supervisorial district where vacancy exists, and the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of a successor. If the Board declines to fill a vacancy by appointment, the Board shall call a special election.

The election of a Supervisor to fill the vacancy for the remaining unexpired term shall be held at the next general election, unless the term expires on the first Monday after January 1 following the election. The Board may, whether or not it has appointed a successor to fill the vacancy, call a special election before the next general election to fill the vacancy.

A “yes” vote on Measure _ is a vote in favor of the charter.

A “no” vote on Measure _ is a vote against the charter.

If Measure _ is not approved, the charter will not be ratified, and Kern County will remain a general law county.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure _. If you desire a copy of the proposed charter, please call the County’s elections official at (661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.