

Argument in Favor of Measure T

Vote YES on Measure T to protect our quality of life and keep Redlands clean, safe and strong.

Redlands is one of the few cities in the County with its own Police and Fire Departments – Measure T is critical to maintaining this local control so our police and firefighter/paramedics are available when needed and not diverted to other cities.

Calls for 911 emergencies, crime rates and fire risks are much higher than in the past. Fast response times are critical for saving lives. However, we have fewer police officers and firefighter/paramedics in Redlands today than 10 years ago.

The City has maintained services and had a balanced budget for the past 12 years. However, State mandates have impacted Redlands and we are now experiencing shrinking revenues. The City has been fiscally responsible, laying off staff and reducing costs, but there is no more room to cut without impacting critical city services, including public safety services.

Measure T helps keep up with basic repairs and maintenance to public facilities, storm drains and sidewalks — repairs that will only get more expensive if we don't address them now.

We need Measure T to protect public safety services and maintain the quality of life our residents deserve.

Vote YES on T:

- Maintain public areas, parks, recreation programs and our library
- Repair sidewalks, curbs, storm drains and public buildings
- Help address homelessness
- Protect public safety, neighborhood police patrols and crime prevention services
- Provide fire protection and paramedic services and replace outdated firefighting and lifesaving equipment

A Clear System of Accountability

- All funds must support Redlands services – the State can't take a penny of Measure T
- Independent citizens' oversight and annual reports to the community are required
- Essentials like groceries and medicine are exempt

Join local business owners, public safety officials and neighbors: vote YES on T!

Jim Topoleski, Redlands Resident and Firefighter

Ariell Harrison, Redlands Resident and Business Owner

Paul W. Foster, Mayor, City of Redlands

Judy Cannon, Rotary 2020 Peacemaker of the Year

Chris Catren, 20 Year Resident