



# Information About Measure T on November 3, 2020 Ballot

Here in Redlands, we're a big town with a small town feel. Our city has something for everyone — parks, local businesses, the A.K. Smiley Public Library, senior and youth programs, excellent public safety services and more. As Redlands plans for the future, we strive to preserve our city services and residents' quality of life.

## Public Safety in Redlands

We're proud that Redlands is one of the few cities in the County with its own Police and Fire Departments, guaranteeing our police and firefighter/paramedics are available when needed and not diverted to service other cities.



However, calls for 9-1-1 emergencies and fire risks are all much higher than in the past, and the City has fewer police officers and firefighter/paramedics in Redlands today than 10 years ago

## Streets, Storm Drains, Public Facilities and Other Infrastructure

The City continues to prioritize keeping up with basic repairs and maintenance to public facilities, storm drains and sidewalks. When these repairs are not resolved, they become a lot more expensive to repair in the future.

With over 12 miles of damaged sidewalks and 15 miles of damaged curbs, a local source of funding would help the City fix its aging infrastructure and keep up with regular repairs.



## Learn More

For more information about Measure T, visit our website at [cityofredlands.org/MeasureT](http://cityofredlands.org/MeasureT). You can also contact Public Information Officer Carl Baker at (909) 798-7687 or [info@cityofredlands.org](mailto:info@cityofredlands.org).



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## Measure T: Redlands City Services Measure

Though the City has created a balanced budget every year for the past 12 years, the scope of the City's needs is greater than the current resources available. Despite being fiscally conservative, the City is facing a \$5.6 million budget shortfall that is expected to widen in the future due to the current economic climate.

To preserve public safety, city services and local infrastructure, the Redlands City Council voted unanimously to place Measure T, a one-cent sales tax measure, on the November 2020 ballot. Measure T could address needs across the community, including but not limited to:



-  Addressing the homeless problem
-  Maintaining police services including neighborhood police patrols, crime prevention and investigations
-  Reducing gang activity and drug-related crimes
-  Keeping public areas, parks and recreation facilities well-maintained and free of graffiti and maintaining public buildings and infrastructure including sidewalks, curbs and storm drains
-  Providing fire protection and paramedic services and replacing outdated lifesaving and firefighting equipment

## Fiscal Accountability Required

Measure T would require fiscal accountability protections.

- Currently, nearly all of the sales tax generated locally goes to the State or the County — all money raised by Measure T would stay in Redlands for local needs
- By law, no funds could be taken away by the State
- A clear system of accountability would be required, including independent citizens' oversight and annual audits
- Groceries, prescription medicine and other essential items would be excluded from the cost of Measure T