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NOTICE to Voters



**Information About Measure T
on the November 2020 Ballot in Redlands**



INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE T

Measure T: Redlands City Services Measure

As one of the few cities in the County with its own Police and Fire Departments, we know that our police and firefighter/paramedics will be available when needed and not diverted to service other cities. However, calls for 9-1-1 emergencies and fire risks are much higher than in the past, and the City has fewer police officers and firefighter/paramedics in Redlands today than 10 years ago.



The City also needs to fix its aging infrastructure and keep up with regular repairs which, when not addressed, become a lot more expensive to repair in the future.

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

Measure T: Local Funding for Local Needs

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Providing fire protection and paramedic services and replacing outdated lifesaving and firefighting equipment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 Would Be Required

- 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

SAMPLE BALLOT

City of Redlands MEASURE T

"To provide funding for safety services, fire protection, paramedics, 911 emergency response, addressing homelessness, police patrols and crime prevention, maintaining library services, parks, sidewalks and roads, keeping public areas well-maintained and other general services; shall the City of Redlands' measure establishing a one-cent sales tax be adopted, providing \$10.7 million annually for city services until ended by voters, requiring a citizen oversight committee, independent audits, and all funds controlled locally?"

YES

NO

For more information about voting in the November 3, 2020 election, please visit www.sbcountyelections.com. For more information about Measure T, visit www.CityofRedlands.org/MeasureT.

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