NOTICE to Voters

Information About Measure T
on the November 2020 Ballot in Redlands
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- Providing fire protection and paramedic services and replacing outdated lifesaving and firefighting equipment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

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.