



City of **Garden Grove**
California

INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE O



What is Measure O?

- On July 25th, the Garden Grove City Council voted to place Measure O on the November 6th ballot.
- Measure O is a 1¢ local sales tax which, if approved, generates \$19,000,000 annually in locally-controlled funds for Garden Grove 911 and essential services.
- Sacramento can't touch one cent of Measure O funds.



Measure O

The Garden Grove Public Safety / 9-1-1 and Vital City Services Measure

To provide effective 9-1-1 emergency response by preventing cuts to police/firefighter/paramedic staffing levels; maintain neighborhood police patrols/gang/drug prevention; protect local drinking water supplies; repair streets/potholes; address homelessness; support affordable housing options, and protect vital city services, shall the City of Garden Grove establish a one-cent sales tax providing \$19,000,000 annually until ended by voters, requiring annual independent audits, citizens oversight, all funds used locally?



What Services Would Measure O Support?

- If enacted by voters, Measure O provides a locally-controlled funding source for services our residents rely on, such as:
 - ✓ Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times
 - ✓ Protect local drinking water supplies
 - ✓ Fight gangs and drugs
 - ✓ Prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics
 - ✓ Addressing homelessness
 - ✓ Provide affordable housing options for all residents
 - ✓ Maintain neighborhood police patrols, especially around parks and schools



Essential City Services



How Does Measure O Support Public Safety Services?

- If enacted, Measure O provides locally-controlled funding for public safety services, including protecting our fast 9-1-1 emergency response times and fighting gangs and drugs
- Fast response times to 9-1-1 calls are critical to saving lives. Doctors say that brain deterioration starts six minutes after a person stops breathing.
- If approved, Measure O funds help maintain rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times and prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.



How Does Measure O Support Public Safety Services?

- The American Heart Association says that brain deterioration stops six minutes after a person stops breathing, but our local paramedics only meet that standard 38% of the time because they're overstretched.
- Sacramento's early release policies have put criminals back on the street and exacerbated the homeless crisis, putting more strain on our local police department
- If enacted, Measure O would help our local police and fire departments maintain fast response times and neighborhood police patrols, hire more police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, and keep our neighborhoods safe.



Does Measure O Support Quality of Life Services?

- Yes. If enacted by voters, Measure O provides local funds to make sure Garden Grove can repair streets, fix potholes, and keep neighborhood parks clean and safe
- Measure O also helps provide funds to ensure that all Garden Grove residents have access to clean drinking water.
- Measure O also helps address homelessness, ensuring that homeless individuals are treated with compassion, while also protecting local businesses, parks, and property.



Is Measure O Fiscally accountable?

- Yes. Measure O contains strong accountability provisions, including an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee, annual independent audits, and regular reports back to the community.
- If enacted, Measure O funds cannot be taken by Sacramento, and all funds must be used in Garden Grove for local community priorities.



What Else is on the Ballot?

- In addition to Measure O, Garden Grove voters have the opportunity to vote for the Mayor and three City Council members.
- The Mayor will be elected citywide, so all Garden Grove voters may vote in that election.
- Council Districts 1, 3, and 4 are up for election this year, so only voters in those districts may vote for those candidates. To find out which District you live in, please visit:
www.ggcity.org/city-manager/district-election-mapping
- For more information about these and other elections, please visit: www.ggcity.org/city-clerk/2018-election-information



When is the Election?

- November 6th, 2018
- Register to vote at www.registertovote.ca.gov by October 22nd.
- Absentee ballots will be sent out beginning October 8th.



Where can I find more information about Measure O?

- Visit our website at www.ggcity.org/measure-o.

