

MEASURE DD IMPACT REPORT:

POTENTIAL LOSS OF VOTER-APPROVED LOCAL FUNDING



(Excerpted from the City of Menifee's Repeal Impact Report)

... the City of Menifee placed Measure DD on the ballot for voter consideration... The measure, which was a proposed one percent (1%) sales tax, was overwhelmingly approved by over two thirds (67%) of Menifee resident voters...

Measure DD funds are required to remain local and are not subject to state takeaways. An independent Citizen Oversight Committee provides review of Measure DD budgets and uses, and makes recommendations to the City Council to ensure the funds are utilized as identified in the measure. Specifically, Measure DD funds critical City services, including public safety (Police and Fire services), and current and future infrastructure needs.

... Fiscal Year 2020/2021 anticipates expenditure of \$4,331,254 in Measure DD funds towards Menifee Police Department operations. That amounts to **31 patrol officers or equivalent positions, 174 less patrol hours per day, and with that would come longer 911 emergency call response times, fewer neighborhood patrols, among other potential reductions in service.** If the Measure DD Repeal Measure passes, that \$4,331,254 will no longer be available for expenditure on Police Department operations...

Similar to the above, a loss of \$3,603,950 in Measure DD funding anticipated for use on fire services equates to **a loss of the Station No. 7**

medic squad truck and five (5) personnel, the additional medic squad truck for another station in the city, the elimination of a medic engine and associated six (6) personnel, and likely another four (4) position cuts (15 total fire personnel cuts). These cuts are so deep that it may be necessary to close an entire fire station, rather than cutting staff in all the existing fire stations. Either way, this level of service reduction would extend response times on 911 emergency fire and medical calls, reduce fire protection services, and subject the Department to potential additional service reductions...

These issues will be compounded, given the fiscal uncertainty, and unanticipated cost increases caused by the COVID-19 crisis...no city can expect at this time adequate, or even any, recovery assistance from the state or federal government...

Losing over 17% of City revenues generated by Measure DD would be too much to entirely cut from the above noted departments alone. **To keep those departments operating at a reduced, but still functional, level, it will be necessary to “spread the pain” to other departments.** It may also be necessary to cancel or delay many of the City's scheduled road and traffic improvement projects. Those near-term cuts would be followed by years of under-funded budgets causing major limitations in providing essential services to residents...

Provided for information only.

The City of Menifee does not advocate a position for or against any ballot initiative.

For a full copy of the Repeal Impact Report, visit
www.cityofmenifee.us/measuredd

MEASURE DD BUDGET UPDATE

MENIFEE'S VOTER-APPROVED
LOCAL FUNDING FOR
CITY SERVICES



Dear Neighbor,

In November 2016, Menifee voters enacted Measure DD. This one cent sales tax measure has maintained and enhanced city services and programs through the current COVID-19 crises including emergency preparedness, police and fire services, and road safety and traffic mitigation.

The City was recently notified that an initiative measure seeking to terminate Measure DD funding has qualified for the November 2020 ballot. The City Council ordered the Measure DD Repeal Impact Report which details the impacts of this potential loss of Menifee voter-approved funding.

The City has received questions from the community on the effects of the potential elimination of Measure DD. Information from the Repeal Impact Report is included in this letter. For more information on our adopted budget and the potential impact to city services please visit: www.cityofmenifee.us/measuredd

Thank you,

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