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A REPORT ON Measure M Funding

Questions and Answers About Local Funding

How would a sales tax renewal measure protect essential City services?

Funds from the renewal measure would be used to:

- Maintain City reserve funds to prepare for an emergency or future downturn in the economy
- Maintain the number of on-duty firefighters to protect rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times to medical and fire emergencies
- Maintain programs to fight gang activity and keep at-risk youth away from gangs and drugs
- Maintain the Police Department's programs to curb domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse such as those provided at the Family Resource Center and the Police Activities League
- Retain police officers who specialize in following up on warrants and probation violations to keep dangerous criminals off our streets
- Expand street repair, maintenance and resurfacing programs that fix potholes and prevent more expensive future repairs
- Repair, renovate or replace aging roofs, floors, windows and other critical facilities at the City's community centers, fire stations, senior center and other facilities
- Repair or replace aging fire trucks, firefighting equipment, police cars and other essential vehicles

How much would the measure cost?

A three-quarter cent sales tax would cost 75 cents on a \$100 purchase. Essential purchases like groceries and medication are exempt from the sales tax.

Could any funds from the measure be taken by the State?

No. All funds raised by a local funding measure would stay here in Vacaville under local control and could not be taken away by the State.

How do I know funds from the measure would be spent wisely?

Strict accountability provisions would be required. By law, all funds would remain in the City. Annual independent financial audits would ensure all funds are properly spent.

How can I receive more information about the measure or share my thoughts?

We invite you to share your opinions about the funding measure. You can share your thoughts or get more information about the City of Vacaville and the proposed sales tax measure by visiting www.CityofVacaville.com or calling (707) 449-5100.





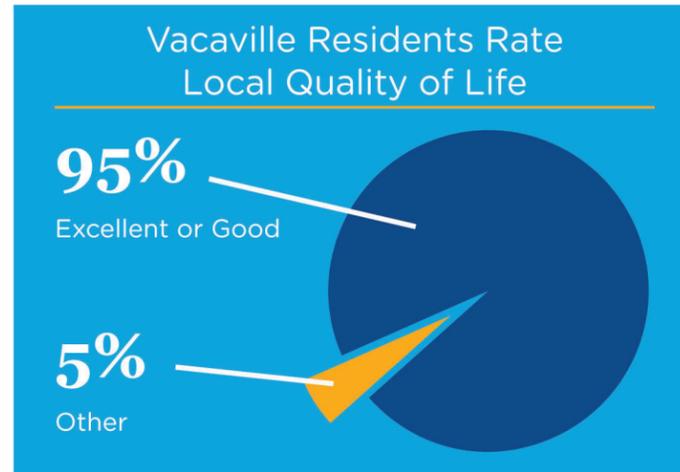
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High Quality of Life in Vacaville

In the City of Vacaville, we are proud of our reputation for safe neighborhoods with good schools, a thriving business environment providing good jobs for our residents and outstanding public facilities and services.

Living in Vacaville

In a recent survey, 95 percent of Vacaville residents rated our City as an excellent or good place to live.



Source: May 2016 City of Vacaville Community Survey

Measure M: Protecting Vacaville from State Funding Cuts

In response to a multi-million dollar budget deficit resulting from consecutive years of State funding takeaways, the City of Vacaville cut millions from its budget by eliminating 124 staff positions or 20 percent of City staff and reduced City employee salaries, benefits and pensions. In order to limit deep cuts to essential public services and generate a stable source of local revenue to meet local needs, Vacaville voters approved Measure M in 2012.

Support for Measure M

Measure M authorized a one-quarter cent increase in the local sales tax rate for five years to protect public safety, services and quality of life in Vacaville.

As a result of Measure M's passage, City of Vacaville residents are benefiting from stable local revenue to help protect vital emergency services and community programs, funding that cannot be taken by the State.



Measure M Funding Priorities

The passage of Measure M allowed Vacaville to temporarily stabilize reserve funds to prepare for emergencies and possible future economic downturns. For now, the City's "rainy day" fund is once again healthy.

Instead of using those emergency reserves to maintain essential programs and services during the recession, Measure M funding allowed the City to restore some police positions to patrol neighborhoods, maintain crime, drug and gang prevention programs and address the issue of homelessness through the newly-formed Community Response Unit. Even with Measure M, the City has not fully recovered from the economic downturn, and still has 82 unfilled positions and critical infrastructure and building improvements have been deferred.



Stable Local Funding Helped to:



Reduce major crimes by 15.2% in 2015



Hire 9 new firefighters to staff Station 75 in Southtown



Improve more than 10 million square feet of neighborhood streets



Restripe 14 miles of lanes for driver, pedestrian and bicyclist safety

Renewing Locally Controlled Sales Tax Funding

Measure M included a five-year automatic sunset clause that cannot be extended without voter approval and is now set to expire. If Measure M funding does expire, Vacaville will once again face multi-million dollar budget deficits and deep cuts to police, fire, street repair and other essential City services.

In order to protect essential City services and maintain City facilities, equipment and infrastructure, the Vacaville City Council placed a measure on the November 8, 2016 ballot to renew the local sales tax measure for up to 20 years at three-quarters of a cent. This would cost 75 cents on a \$100 purchase for anyone who shops in Vacaville. Groceries, medication and other essential purchases are exempt from sales tax.