



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About Measure H

Q: What is Measure H?

A: On July 18, 2018, the Los Banos City Council unanimously placed Measure H, a local half-cent sales tax measure -- on the November 6, 2018 ballot. If approved, Measure H provides another reliable source of local, voter-approved funding for maintaining fiscal stability and local services such as:

- Answering 911 calls
- Preventing theft, residential property, and auto-related crimes like burglary and robbery
- Protecting and maintaining 911 response times for police officers and firefighters
- Protecting and maintaining anti-gang and youth violence protection programs

Q: How does Measure H help emergency response?

A: With 64% of the emergency calls received by Los Banos Fire for medical emergencies, Measure H funding can keep fire stations open and maintain our 911 emergency response system, so firefighters can be dispatched quickly, ensuring rapid emergency response times for those who need it.

Q: Does Measure H address our rapid growth needs?

A: Yes, as our police and fire departments serve one of the fastest growing areas in California, we've been down nine police officers, firefighters and 911 dispatchers since the recession. If approved, Measure H will allow the City to adequately serve the thousands of new residents moving in to our neighborhoods. The Los Banos Police and Fire Chiefs have recommended including as many as 10 additional police officers, firefighters and dispatchers to assist the City's public safety efforts.

Q: Will Measure H address crime and gangs?

A: Yes. Much of the violent crime in Los Banos is gang-related and crime, gang and drug activity in surrounding cities is filtering in and affecting our Los Banos neighborhoods. If approved, Measure H will maintain our police force, police patrols and the prevention programs that keep our kids, neighborhoods, schools and parks safe.

Q: Can Sacramento take Measure H money?

A: No. Measure H legally requires that these taxpayer funds stay LOCAL – and be used within the City for Los Banos' essential City Services. Measure H is designed to maximize local control over City funding and needs.

Q: What are Measure H's fiscal accountability protections?

A: Measure H legally requires independent financial oversight and guaranteed annual independent audits to ensure funds are spent properly.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: For more information about Measure H and essential Los Banos city services and priorities, visit www.losbanos.org.