

Information about

MEASURE A



City of Arts & Innovation



Dear Neighbor:

We are writing to update you about Measure A, on Riverside's June ballot. Riverside voters have voted three times to allow the publicly-owned water utility to transfer a fixed percentage of water fund revenues into the City's general fund for essential city services.

Measure A re-affirms these previous voter actions, maintaining current funding for local services, without raising taxes.

Without Measure A, the City will be forced to make \$6.7 Million in proposed cuts to local services, and we may be faced with more gangs, graffiti and rundown streets. Seventy-nine positions would be eliminated – including police officers, firefighters, school crossing guards, youth recreation programs, senior services, and graffiti removal.

Please see inside for additional information on Measure A and how it helps maintain services.

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JUNE 4th

Measure A Is On Your Local Riverside Mail-In Ballot

FACTS About Measure A

What past voter approvals does Measure A affirm?

The transfer of water fund revenues to the general fund for essential city services has been lawfully approved by Riverside voters on three separate occasions. Measure A simply reaffirms previous voter actions, first taken when voters approved the City Charter in 1907 and as recently as 1977 when voters set the transfer rate at not to exceed 11.5%.



Without Measure A, what services will be cut?

Without Measure A the City is faced with:

- Eliminating all police officers in local schools
- Cutting 12 firefighters
- Cutting youth swim programs
- Eliminating school crossing guards
- Reducing funds for the Janet Goeske Senior Center by 50%
- Reducing funds for library books
- Reducing graffiti abatement by 50%

For a full list of potential cuts, visit www.riversideca.gov.



Is public safety affected?

Without Measure A, 9 police officers and 12 firefighters would be cut. With almost 15,000 gang members in Riverside County alone, Measure A allows the City's police department to keep gang members and drug dealers from nearby communities out of Riverside neighborhoods.

60% of all 9-1-1 calls to the Riverside Fire Department require emergency medical attention, and doctors agree that after 5 minutes the brain starts to deteriorate after a serious trauma. Measure A maintains the rapid 9-1-1 response times of our City's paramedics and firefighters, who are the first to respond and save lives.



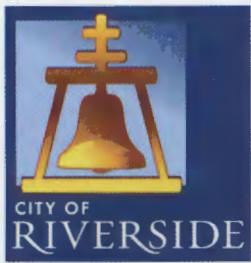
How does Measure A impact local water quality?

Measure A programs help maintain our local supply of clean drinking water and protect it from contamination by keeping local storm water runoff as clean as possible. City storm water flows directly into the Santa Ana River, and then into our local groundwater – which is where we get our drinking water.

What is Measure A's fiscal accountability?

Measure A does not increase taxes or water rates, and the Riverside Public Utility will continue to provide some of the lowest water rates of any water utility in the Inland Empire. Measure A requires annual independent financial audits, public review of expenditures, and that funds remain local and cannot be taken by Sacramento.

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Official Measure A Ballot Question

Riverside Local Services and Clean Water Measure. To maintain general fund services such as 9-1-1 response; police patrols/fire protection; children's after-school and senior/disabled services; and protect supplies of clean drinking water from contamination; shall Section 1204.1 be added to the Charter continuing the annual transfer of funds from the City water utility to the general fund approved by City voters in 1968, with independent audits, funds staying local and no increase in taxes.

YES

NO



Para información en español por favor llame al (951) 826-5311.