



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About Measure X

Q: What is Measure X?

A: On July 23, 2018, the Martinez City Council unanimously placed Measure X -- a local half-cent sales tax measure -- on the November 6, 2018 ballot. This Council action was taken in order to proactively address the significant financial challenges the City will be facing due to significantly rising costs, which will jeopardize the City's ability to provide the high quality public safety and core services the community expects and deserves. If approved, Measure X will allow the City to maintain community-identified priorities such as:

- Maintaining 911 response times;
- Preventing and investigating violent crimes;
- Requiring all funds be used locally;
- Upgrading storm drains to keep pollution from Alhambra Creek and the bay;
- Maintaining Martinez's senior center and programs;
- Providing safe routes to school;
- Maintaining youth and recreation programs; and
- Addressing homelessness.

Q: Will Measure X help with public safety?

A: Yes, if enacted Measure X will help maintain 911 emergency response times, recruit and retain experienced police officers, fund property and violent crime investigations and prevention, and address homelessness and crimes related to drugs and alcohol. Voter approved funding will maintain Martinez's Neighborhood Policing Program so that it can continue to provide an adequate number of officers assigned to each neighborhood area – ensuring police officers can respond quickly to 911 emergency calls.

Q: Every year during storms downtown and older parts of the Martinez flood. Can Measure X help?

A: Yes. Local funding is needed to better maintain our storm drains to reduce flooding and keep pollution from flowing into Alhambra Creek and the Bay.

Q: What about parks and programs?

A: Our local parks and open spaces provide safe places for the community to gather, play and explore the outdoors. If approved, Measure X funds will protect and maintain important recreational and natural areas, maintain youth and recreation programs, as well as maintain the Martinez Senior Center and programs.

Q: Can Sacramento take Measure X money?

A: No, Measure X legally requires that these taxpayer funds stay LOCAL – and be used for Martinez's essential services. Measure X is designed to maximize local control over City funding and needs.

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

A: Measure X includes strict accountability provisions, such as independent citizens' oversight of spending, public spending reports, annual independent financial audits, and all funds must be used only in Martinez.

Q: Where can I get more information about Measure X?

A: For more information about Measure X, visit www.cityofmartinez.org.