



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Dear Neighbor:

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, the Garden Grove City Council voted to place **Measure O** on the November 2018 ballot. **Measure O** is a proposed local, one-cent (1%) sales tax which, if enacted, would provide a reliable source of locally-controlled revenue for Garden Grove's public safety and quality-of-life services.

Garden Grove is an amazing city with an excellent quality of life. But unfortunately, Sacramento politicians have taken millions from our City to solve their own problems -- impacting our ability to continue delivering high quality services over the long term. Furthermore, Sacramento's expensive mandates, without the funding to implement them, have continually cost Garden Grove local funding. Finally, the State's decision to release prisoners and cut law enforcement has exacerbated homelessness and risked Garden Grove residents and property.

The Garden Grove City Council placed **Measure O** on the local ballot to address these historic state takeaways and mandates and secure a reliable, locally-controlled funding source. If approved by voters, **Measure O** would provide funding for community priorities, including:

- ✓ Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times and neighborhood police patrols
- ✓ Protecting local drinking water supplies
- ✓ Fighting gangs and drugs
- ✓ Preventing cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics

Fast response times to 9-1-1 calls are critical to saving lives. The American Heart Association© says that brain deterioration starts six minutes after a person stops breathing, but our local fire department can only meet that standard 38% of the time because they are stretched too thin. If approved by voters, **Measure O** would provide funds to maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times and prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.

Measure O would also fund important quality-of-life services. If enacted by voters, **Measure O** would provide locally-controlled funds to make sure Garden Grove can maintain public safety, repair roads and streets, fix potholes, and keep neighborhood parks clean and safe.

Measure O requires strict accountability, including an independent oversight committee and annual independent audits, and regular reports back to the community. **Measure O** funds cannot be taken by the State and can only be used in Garden Grove for local community priorities.

For more information about **Measure O**, please visit our City website at www.ggcity.org/measure-o or call the City Manager's office at (714) 741-5100.

Sincerely,

Scott Stiles
City Manager
City of Garden Grove

Frequently Asked Questions about Measure O

Q: What is Measure O?

A: People live in Garden Grove because we offer an excellent quality of life. However, Sacramento politicians take millions of local tax dollars from our City to solve their own problems—affecting the City’s ability to continue delivering high quality services over the long term. Furthermore, Sacramento’s expensive unfunded mandates have continually cost Garden Grove local funding. Finally, the State’s decision to release prisoners and cut law enforcement has exacerbated homelessness and risked Garden Grove residents and property.

The City Council recently voted to place **Measure O**, the Garden Grove Public Safety/9-1-1 and Vital City Services Measure, on the November 6 ballot to address these state takeaways and protect local services. If approved at the one-cent (1%) sales tax rate, **Measure O** will provide a reliable source of locally-controlled funds to maintain the services you rely on.

Q: What local priorities will Measure O help address?

A: If approved by voters, **Measure O** will help fund important city services, such as:

- Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Protect local drinking water supplies
- Fight gangs and drugs
- Prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics
- Address homelessness
- Provide affordable housing options
- Maintain neighborhood police patrols

Q: Will Measure O support public safety?

A: Yes. Fast response times to 9-1-1 calls are critical to saving lives. The American Heart Association® says that brain deterioration starts six minutes after a person stops breathing, but our local fire department can only meet that standard 38% of the time because they are stretched too thin. If approved by voters, **Measure O** would provide funds to maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times and prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics.

Q: Will Measure O support local quality of life services?

A: Yes. **Measure O** would also fund important quality-of-life services. If enacted by voters, **Measure O** would provide locally-controlled funds to make sure Garden Grove can maintain public safety, repair roads and streets, fix potholes, and keep neighborhood parks clean and safe.

Q: Is Measure O fiscally accountable?

A: Yes. **Measure O** requires strict accountability, including an independent oversight committee and annual independent audits, and regular reports back to the community. **Measure O** funds cannot be taken by the State and can only be used in Garden Grove for local community priorities.

Q: How can I find out more information?

A: You can find more information about Measure O by visiting our website at: www.ggcity.org/measure-o. You may also contact the City Manager’s office at (714) 741-5100.



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