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Measure X Fiscal Accountability Standards

- Measure X includes Independent Citizen Oversight & Financial Audits
- No Measure X money can be spent on salaries, benefits, or pensions
- By law all funds are required to be spent locally for fire stations in Alameda County's unincorporated communities
- No Measure X money can be taken by Sacramento



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INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE X

DEAR NEIGHBOR:

As Fire Chief, it is my responsibility to assess the threats to the unincorporated areas that we serve, and how best to keep your home and family safe.

After gathering feedback from a thousand residents living in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the County Board of Supervisors placed Measure X - the Alameda County Fire Department Fire Safety Bond - on the November 3, 2020 ballot to address inadequate fire stations that support fire, medical, and disaster emergency response in the unincorporated community you live in.

Inadequate funding has affected our unincorporated communities, including the closure of a local fire station. Nearly 80% of our local 911 calls are for medical emergencies like heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents. If enacted, Measure X funding will repair and upgrade fire stations so that we can ensure efficiency when responding to emergencies, including public health emergencies like the pandemic.

Measure X will upgrade aging and outdated fire stations that are at least 30 years old, including two that are over 70 years old. Doing so will help address priorities identified by the public, such as:

- ✓ Reducing 911 emergency fire and medical response times
- ✓ Enhancing wildfire protection and disaster response

For more Measure X information, please visit our website at: acgov.org/fire/MeasureX.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM L. MCDONALD
Alameda County Fire Department Chief



Measure X Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What is Measure X?

A: Measure X is Alameda County Fire Department's Fire Safety local bond measure on the November 3, 2020 ballot to repair and upgrade outdated fire stations in order to maintain fire and medical emergency services in the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Livermore, San Lorenzo and Sunol.

Q: Why was Measure X placed on the ballot?

A: Residents of unincorporated communities rely on the medical emergency services, fast 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response services provided by Alameda County firefighters in local stations. Funds from Measure X would upgrade existing fire stations, so that we can reduce 911 emergency medical response times and expand and improve wildfire fire prevention efforts.



Q: What does Measure X cost?

A: Measure X is a Fire Safety Bond Measure authorizing the Alameda County Fire Department to issue up to \$90,000,000 in bonds to repair and replace outdated fire stations to maintain lifesaving services specifically in unincorporated communities. The estimated cost of Measure X is 1.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value.



How will Measure X address fire protection and emergency/disaster response?

A: Funds from Measure X will upgrade aging and outdated fire stations that are at least 30 years old, including two that are over 50 years old and two over 70 years old. Upgrading fire stations including emergency communications systems will reduce 911 response times and improve our ability to respond to wildfires and other disasters. Measure X positions local firefighters to effectively address the ever-increasing fire danger in our unincorporated communities and assists them in better monitoring the start of fires and control weeds, tall grass, and brush across the dozens of canyons and thousands of acres of our local open space.



Q: Does Measure X include provisions for fiscal accountability?

A: Measure X includes Independent Citizens Oversight, independent audits, and provides that no money can be spent on salaries, benefits, or pensions of Fire Department Employees. By law, all funds are required to be spent locally and none can be taken by Sacramento.

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