

## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers About Measure V

**Q: What is Measure V?**

**A:** On July 20, 2016, the Ridgecrest City Council unanimously placed Measure V – the Ridgecrest Public Safety & Essential City Services Measure – on the November 2016 ballot for residents' consideration. If approved by voters, Measure V – the Ridgecrest Public Safety & Essential City Services Measure – would provide continued local funding for city services, including public safety services and street and road maintenance. If approved, Measure V – the Ridgecrest Public Safety & Essential City Services Measure – would continue Ridgecrest's existing, voter-approved local 0.75% sales tax at the 1.0% rate.

**Q: What services would Measure V support?**

**A:** If approved, Measure V would provide continued local funding for essential services including:

- Continued street & pothole repair
- 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Neighborhood police patrols
- Crime prevention & investigation programs
- Police officers on duty

**Q: What services would be impacted if Measure V is not approved?**

**A:** Without continued local funding half of the Ridgecrest police budget, and most of the road repair budget, would have to be cut – including eliminating 15 police officers who patrol Ridgecrest's neighborhoods. These officers are needed for neighborhood police patrols and slower 9-1-1 response times.

**Q: What would happen to road maintenance and pothole repair?**

**A:** Ridgecrest streets have more than \$60 million of deferred maintenance, just to keep them in good working condition. Existing voter approved funding has provided funding to help repair major streets and fixed potholes in Ridgecrest. But more needs to be done. If approved, Measure V would provide funding to continue the important work of repairing neighborhood streets and fix potholes. If Measure V is not approved, Ridgecrest local funding of road maintenance would have to be cut entirely.

**Q: Does Measure V include accountability?**

**A:** Measure V requires accountability include citizens' oversight, mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community to ensure the funds are spent in a fiscally prudent manner. By law, all Measure V funds must stay in Ridgecrest to maintain local services and cannot be taken by Sacramento or the County.

**Q: What is the City's role in providing information to the community?**

**A:** The City is actively providing factual information to the community about Measure V to ensure the electorate is informed and educated about Measure V and city service needs, including police and street repair. For more information about Measure V, visit [www.ridgecrest-ca.gov](http://www.ridgecrest-ca.gov).