

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure T

Don't be misled – the opponents have their facts wrong. It's a shame they turned their backs on Redlands without regard for our community's needs.

Businesses, educators, public safety leaders and longtime residents SUPPORT Measure T because it's the most fiscally responsible way to maintain critical services for Redlands residents.

Here are the facts:

Fact: The City has a strong track record of fiscal responsibility and already cut salaries and services. Despite those efforts, Redlands is still facing an almost \$6 million deficit. Without Measure T, deeper cuts will be made, impacting our emergency services, parks, roads and overall quality of life.

Fact: Nearly all sales tax revenue generated locally goes to the State or County. Every penny of Measure T stays right here in Redlands to maintain essential services. The State and San Bernardino County can't access Measure T funds.

Fact: 9-1-1 response times have increased dramatically in the past four years and are much longer than what experts recommend. Measure T ensures we have the police, firefighter/paramedics and resources to respond to emergencies and keep our community safe.

Fact: Measure T is a modest 1% increase to our current rate, and ensures visitors pay their fair share for community services.

Fact: Essential items like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from Measure T, limiting the burden on those with fixed or limited incomes.

Fact: Measure T includes strict taxpayer accountability provisions to ensure all funds are properly spent.

As Redlands neighbors – we hold ourselves accountable to our community.

That's why we're voting YES on T.

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Joe Richardson, Redlands Planning Commissioner
Patty Holohan, Board President, RUSD
Stan Weisser, Former Redlands Man of the Year
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