

On November 5, 2024, Orange residents will vote on the **City of Orange Public Safety & City Services Measure** to consider approving additional local funding to maintain City services and programs including public safety, infrastructure improvements, and community programs.

If approved by a majority of Orange's voters, Measure Z will take the City's sales tax from 7.75% to 8.25%, generating approximately \$19 million per year in local revenue. This could help minimize service impacts as the City faces a growing annual deficit, estimated to be \$26 million within five years.





WHICH QUALITY-OF-LIFE SERVICES ARE AT RISK?



Police Patrols & Homeless Outreach



911 Emergency Response



Neighborhood Parks



Community Programs & Events



Fire **Protection**



Street Repairs & Improvements



Youth & Senior Services



Libraries







AN 8.25% TAX RATE MEANS



AN ADDITIONAL HALF PENNY

PER \$1 SPENT ON QUALIFYING PURCHASES

Does Not Apply To



unprepared food/groceries



prescription **medicine**



property tax & rent



personal services medical, legal, dental

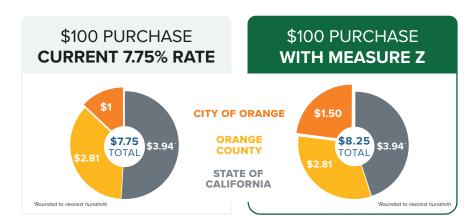




LOCAL REVENUE WITH STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY

All funds generated from Measure Z will be used to benefit Orange residents and businesses – no money could be taken by the state, county, or other cities. Measure Z also includes strict accountability provisions such as the creation of an Independent Citizens' Advisory Committee to monitor revenue and spending.

TAX BREAKDOWN: How Much Orange Receives



OUR BUDGET FORECAST

Annual Deficit



To make up for some of the shortfall, our City has deferred needed maintenance and drawn down from its reserve, a practice that can only last so long.

At the current rate, our City will run out of reserve funding in 18 to 24 months.

Some of the cost-saving measures already taken include:



departmental operating reductions total since 2008



total since 2008

In addition to steps to reduce the deficit, we forecast needing more than **\$80 million in improvements** in the near future, including:



\$45M

in improvements to City facilities through 2035



\$7-10M

to replace fire stations 2, 3, 4, & 5 (cost per station)



\$2-3M

annual shortfall to maintain streets in good condition



\$600K

annual shortfall to maintain traffic & street lighting equipment

How Measure Z Will Appear on Your Ballot

City of Orange

Measure Z

City of Orange Public Safety/City Services Measure

Shall the measure providing funding for City of Orange's general government use such as maintaining 911 response, fire/police protection/paramedic services; recruiting/retaining well- trained police/firefighters; preventing property crimes/thefts; addressing homelessness; keeping public areas/parks safe/clean; maintaining safe routes to school; repairing streets/potholes by establishing a 0.5% transactions and use tax (sales tax) providing approximately \$19,000,000 annually expiring after 10 years; requiring audits, spending disclosure, all funds benefiting City of Orange residents, be adopted?

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