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Argument in Favor of Measure Z

Vital city services in Riverside have suffered as a result of the Great Recession. Public safety has been cut, youth and after-school programs have been reduced, and our homeless problem is getting worse. As budget reductions continue to take their toll, our police department has fewer officers and fire department and emergency response times have been compromised.

It's time to restore public safety and vital services for Riverside. Measure Z will provide the funding needed for essential public safety services while helping us take care of the basics – like filling potholes and repairing sidewalks. It will prevent further cuts to police protection, paramedic services and programs that fight gangs and drugs.

Riverside is a great place to live and raise a family. We cannot afford to keep cutting vital services. It's time to protect our future. Measure Z will generate $48 million per year for Riverside to provide police and fire protection, paramedics and 9-1-1 emergency response. In addition, Measure Z will provide the resources to take care of the basics like street repairs, tree trimming, libraries, parks, and senior services.

The homeless problem is getting worse, having reached excessive levels in Riverside, hurting local businesses, public safety, and our quality of life. Measure Z will help get people off the streets and into programs and housing, working to end the cycle of homelessness.

Measure Z includes tough accountability, requiring annual independent financial audits and citizen review of expenditures. It ensures that all funds remain in the City of Riverside and cannot be taken away by Sacramento. These strong fiscal safeguards will ensure funds are used efficiently, effectively and for the benefit of Riverside.

Join Riverside firefighters, police officers, community and business leaders. Vote Yes on Measure Z.

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