



Information about Measure I, the Burlingame Essential Services Measure

Q: What is the issue?

A: The City of Burlingame has a tradition of fiscal prudence, accountability and transparency. But with over \$100,000,000 in capital needs, additional local funding is needed to address aging, deteriorating infrastructure and City streets. This work should be performed before the projects become even more expensive to complete in the future.

Q: What is the Burlingame Essential Services Measure?

A: To address these needs and other quality of life priorities, the Burlingame City Council unanimously voted to place a ¼ cent local sales tax on the November 2017 ballot. If enacted, the Measure will raise about \$2,000,000 annually. The City Council has the discretion to allocate funds to Burlingame projects as needs arise, but initial priorities identified by the public for the funds include:

- ✓ Repairing streets, sidewalks and potholes
- ✓ Enhancing neighborhood police patrols and crime prevention programs
- ✓ Providing adequate, safe park and recreation facilities and programs

Q: How does the Measure address public safety needs?

A: If adopted by voters, funding from the Measure could allow the Council to address priorities identified by the public and City Council during a year-long engagement process, including enhancing police patrols and crime prevention programs.

Q: Would additional local funding address street maintenance and fix potholes?

A: Fixing potholes is one of the top priorities identified by the public and the City Council. Addressing street maintenance and fixing potholes will cost less now than in the future, and well-maintained streets and sidewalks not only increase safety, but also keep traffic moving properly, reducing congestion. Fixing potholes continues to be a top issue of concern for Burlingame residents.

Q: What other services can the Measure address?

A: Other community priorities include providing adequate, safe park and recreation facilities that maintain a wide range of programming for our youth and teens. Our Recreation Center is decades old and no longer meets current seismic and building safety standards.

Q: Is the Measure fiscally accountable?

A: Yes. The Measure includes strict accountability requirements including independent annual audits and citizens' oversight. All funds from the Measure would stay in Burlingame to support our essential city services—none of the funds can be taken by the State.

Q: Where can I get more information about the election?

A: As a Municipal Election, City Council seats will also be on the ballot. For more information, visit the City's website at www.burlingame.org or www.shapethefuture.org.