



## **Measure U**

- Measure U was put on the ballot by our Mayor and City Council to protect public safety, emergency response and vital city services. It also provides funding to address affordable housing and homelessness and allows for investment in job creation, youth and neighborhoods.

## **History**

- 2012 Sacramento voters overwhelmingly passed Measure U to restore cuts that were made during the deep recession. And it has worked. With the funding from Measure U, the city has added:
  - 90 positions in the fire department, eliminating engine brownouts
  - 150 staff to prevent crime and fight gang violence positions
  - 137 staff in the parks and youth department
  - Parks in better shape, community centers re-opened and open longer
  - Library hours extended

Sacramento is one of California's fastest growing cities. Measure U will ensure we can keep up with our population growth and increasing needs for fire protection, emergency response and public safety.

## **Measure U Renewal means we can do more**

- Homelessness
  - We need more permanent housing and supportive services including mental health care and substance abuse treatment to get people back on their feet and off the streets for good.
  - We have made great strides, getting hundreds off the streets, but there is so much more to be done.
  - We must invest in prevention, stabilizing those individuals most at risk of eviction or losing housing, before they are out on the streets.

- Affordable housing
  - Increase supply of affordable housing that young people, seniors, and middle class families can afford.
  
- High wage jobs / Economic equity
  - For Sacramento to achieve true prosperity, we must increase high-wage jobs and economic equity in all our neighborhoods
  - We must invest in our neighborhood business corridors
  - Attract employers that will generate high-wage jobs
  - Leverage investments in infrastructure to attract private capital and future economy jobs
  
- Sacramento's Youth
  - We must invest in our youth so they are prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy
  - Increasing access to pre-school and t-k.
  - More pathway programs connecting education to real workforce experience, like 1000 Strong
  - And creating a robust Sacramento Promise program with our city's school districts to support our students as they transition from high school to community college, university, or directly into the workforce.
  
- Fiscal Accountability
  - Since 2012, the City has implemented efficiency standards, reducing the number of city employees while providing the same level of service (from 11 employees per 1000 residents to 9 employees per 1000 residents)
  - The City also eliminated or reduced retiree health benefits for new employees
  - Measure U includes tough accountability, requiring independent financial audits and public review of expenditures to ensure funds are used efficiently and effectively.