

CITY OF CHOWCHILLA CALIFORNIA



Dear Neighbor,

On July 25th, the Chowchilla City Council unanimously voted to finalize and place MEASURE N on the November 2018 ballot to maintain and protect Chowchilla's public safety police and fire services.

Over the last 10 years, Sacramento has taken nearly \$3.5 million in locally controlled funding for Chowchilla. The Chowchilla City Council placed MEASURE N on the ballot to protect Chowchilla's local police and fire services. The Council decided to place this measure on the ballot to ensure that the City has an independent source of locally-controlled revenue to fund these vital city services and keep Chowchilla safe.

MEASURE N is a one cent sales tax that will, if enacted, provide a source of independent, locally-controlled revenue to maintain and protect 911 fire and medical emergency response times, maintain drug and gang enforcement and prevention services, prevent the loss of our local police department, and retain experienced volunteer firefighters.

Our local fire and police departments respond to more 911 calls for fires and medical emergencies each year, and our calls have increased by more than 100% over the last 9 years. MEASURE N, if enacted, would provide resources to ensure that every call for a fire or medical emergency gets a fast response and saves lives.

If enacted by voters, MEASURE N funds can only be used to fund Chowchilla's local police and fire services - no Measure N funds can be used for other purposes. MEASURE N has stringent accountability provisions, including annual audits and independent citizens' oversight. Finally, all MEASURE N funds must be spent in Chowchilla and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes.

We are committed to keeping you informed about MEASURE N and the upcoming election. For more information, please visit our website at www.CityOfChowchilla.org.

Sincerely,




David Riviere
Chief of Police




Brian Haddix
City Administrator




Harry Turner
Fire Chief

Frequently Asked Questions

MEASURE N

Chowchilla 911, Fire, and Public Safety Measure

Q: What is the issue?

A: On July 25th, 2018, the Chowchilla City Council unanimously finalized and placed MEASURE N, the Chowchilla 911, Fire, and Public Safety Measure on the November 6th ballot. MEASURE N is a local one-cent sales tax measure that, if enacted by voters, will provide locally-controlled funding to maintain and protect police and fire public safety services.

Q: Why was MEASURE N placed on the ballot?

A: Over the last 10 years, Sacramento has taken \$3.5 million in locally controlled funding from Chowchilla. The Chowchilla City Council placed MEASURE N on the ballot to provide independent locally-controlled funding for police and fire public safety services. The Council decided to place this measure on the ballot to ensure that the City has an independent source of locally-controlled revenue to:

- Prevent the loss of our local police department
- Maintain 911 police emergency response times
- Maintain drug and gang enforcement
- Prevent and investigate violent crimes
- Prevent and investigate property crimes
- Maintain 911 fire and medical emergency response times

Q: How does MEASURE N impact emergency response times?

A: Chowchilla's fire and police respond to more 911 calls for fire and medical emergencies each year. In fact, the number of calls has increased by 100% over the last 9 years. MEASURE N, if enacted by votes, would provide funding to maintain and protect rapid 911 response times for all residents, ensuring that every call for a fire or medical emergency gets a timely response and saves lives.

Q: Is MEASURE N fiscally accountable?

A: Yes. If enacted, Measure N adds strong accountability requirements, and builds on Chowchilla's record of financial responsibility and transparency. MEASURE N includes annual independent audits, yearly reports back to the community, and a Citizen's Oversight Committee to ensure that all funds are spent as promised. MEASURE N does not apply to food purchased as groceries or prescription medicine, and MEASURE N is not a tax on your home or property. If enacted, MEASURE N requires that everyone traveling through our community pays their fair share when they visit Chowchilla or use our services.

Q: When is the Election?

A: November 6th, 2018. To register to vote online and for more information, please visit the Madera county elections department at www.VoteMadera.com.

Q: How can I get more information about Measure N?

A: We will continue to keep the community updated about **MEASURE N**. For more information please visit our website at www.CityOfChowchilla.org.