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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

SUBJECT: MAIL BALLOT VOTING PRECINCT / OFFICIAL BALLOT – December 14, 2021 Special District Mail Ballot Election

Dear Voter:

Enclosed you will find your Official Ballot, voting instructions, and all other materials necessary to return your voted ballot for the December 14, 2021 Special District Mail Ballot Election. You are receiving your Official Ballot in the mail because your precinct has been designated as a **Mail Ballot Precinct**. This means there will not be a Polling Place established for your precinct.

As a voter in a Mail Ballot Precinct, your Official Ballot is mailed to you as soon as ballots are available for the election. You will also receive important information about a local measure on your ballot. We recommend you review the information contained in the publications before voting your Official Ballot. If you do not receive the informational publications in the mail, you may view or download a copy on our website at www.voteinfo.net or call our office at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683 and request that one be mailed to you.

- ✓ Please refer to the enclosed Voting Instructions sheet to properly complete and return your voted ballot. For a demonstration on marking your ballot, visit www.voteinfo.net.
- ✓ Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Riverside County Registrar of Voters office or any vote center, polling place, or ballot drop-off location within the state no later than the close of polls on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day to be counted.
- ✓ You may drop off your voted ballot at any designated ballot drop-off location. Please visit www.voteinfo.net for a list of participating locations and hours, or you may call our office at the numbers listed.
- ✓ You may verify that the Registrar of Voters office has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.
- ✓ If you have changed your name or moved and have not re-registered at your current residence address, call us for further information at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683. State law requires that your signature and current address must match your voter registration on file with our office.

If for any reason you are unable to vote the enclosed Official Ballot, you may vote at the Registrar of Voters office November 15 – December 13 (excluding Holidays), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Election Day, December 14, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continued participation and support in making democracy work.

Sincerely,

REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters

PARA ESPAÑOL, VEA EL OTRO LADO

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

SPECIAL DISTRICT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

DECEMBER 14, 2021

POLLING PLACES WILL NOT BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS ELECTION.

The enclosed ballot is your **OFFICIAL BALLOT** for this election.

Your voted ballot must be in the possession of the Registrar of Voters office no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received no later than seven days after Election Day to be counted.

1. Use a black ink pen or marker. **DO NOT use red ink.**
 - a. To vote for or against a measure, completely fill in the oval next to the word YES or NO for that measure.
 - b. Completely filling in the oval is preferred. Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.). **(Important!)** If you do not completely fill in the oval, your vote will not be counted.)
2. Remove the top stub and place the voted ballot card(s) in the return envelope provided. Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.
 - a. Sign your name and print your address where indicated. **If you fail to sign the envelope your vote cannot be counted;** and
 - b. Seal the envelope.
3. Return your ballot:
 - a. By mail:
 - A postage-paid envelope is provided to conveniently return your ballot by mail. Voters residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States must add postage appropriate for their current location.
 - b. In person to:
 - The Registrar of Voters office during regular business hours and until close of polls on Election Day. For your convenience, the Registrar's office has a locked drop box at its entry for ballot drop off 24 hours a day.
 - Ballot drop-off location within the County no later than the close of the polls on Election Day. Please visit our website at www.voteinfo.net for a list of drop-off locations.
 - c. You may verify that the Registrar of Voters has received your voted ballot by checking the return status online at www.voteinfo.net.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **UNABLE TO RETURN YOUR BALLOT PERSONALLY?** State law allows you to authorize any individual to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot, as long as the authorized person does not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots returned. Have your designated representative complete the authorization statement on the enclosed return envelope.
- **SPOILED YOUR BALLOT?** Place the ballot card(s) in the enclosed return envelope, place a check mark in the spoiled box on the return envelope and return it to our office. A new ballot will be sent to you if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to return your ballot and receive another by mail, you may return your ballot personally to the Registrar of Voters office or call for further instructions at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683.
- **ACCESSIBLE VOTING UNIT.** An Accessible Voting Unit is available at the Registrar of Voters office.
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** The registration deadline to vote for this election is November 29, 2021.

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HOW TO MARK YOUR OFFICIAL PAPER BALLOT

- Completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like the example provided. Check both front and back of ballot for voting contests.
- Use a black ink pen or marker. Do not use red ink.
- Completely filling in the oval is preferred.
- Vote for no more than the number of votes allowed in each contest (e.g. vote for one, vote for no more than two, etc.).
- Please keep the ballot folded the same way as you received it.

TO MARK YOUR VOTE FILL IN THE OVAL



VOTE!!!

Vote First, Count First! Vote-by-Mail ballots received before Election Day are counted first. Return your ballot as soon as possible to ensure that it is included in the first Election Night results!

For a demonstration on marking your ballot visit www.voteinfo.net.

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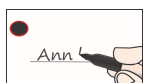
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SPECIAL DISTRICT MAIL BALLOT ELECTION /
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE DISTRITO DE BOLETA POR CORREO
RIVERSIDE COUNTY / CONDADO DE RIVERSIDE
DECEMBER 14, 2021 / 14 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021



Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice, like the example to the left. Use a black ink pen or marker to mark your ballot. DO NOT USE RED INK.



Instrucciones para los Votantes: Para votar, completamente rellene el óvalo a la izquierda de su deseo, como el ejemplo a la izquierda. Use un bolígrafo o marcador de tinta negra para marcar su boleta. NO USE TINTA ROJA.

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MEDIDA SOMETIDA A LOS VOTANTES

DISTRICT
DISTRITO

SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
DISTRITO DE CUIDADO DE LA SALUD DE SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL

H SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTINUATION MEASURE. Without increasing existing tax rates that maintain local rapid-response, lifesaving, emergency medical care, provide up-to-date technologies/treatments for emergency accident/stroke/heart attack victims; help ensure patient safety; retain qualified physicians/nurses; shall San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District's ordinance be adopted continuing its expiring voter-approved annual parcel tax until ended by voters, currently \$60.52/year generating \$2,600,000 annually, requiring public spending disclosure, citizens' oversight, audits, and all funds locally controlled?

H MEDIDA DE CONTINUACIÓN DE LOS SERVICIOS DE EMERGENCIA DEL HOSPITAL DE SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL. Sin aumentar las tasas impositivas actuales que mantienen la atención médica local de respuesta rápida, que salva vidas, la atención médica de emergencia, que proporciona tecnologías/tratamientos actualizados para las víctimas de accidentes/derrames cerebrales/ataques cardíacos; que ayuda a garantizar la seguridad de los pacientes; ayuda a retener médicos/enfermeros calificados; ¿se debería adoptar la ordenanza del Distrito de Cuidado de la Salud de San Gorgonio Memorial para continuar con su impuesto anual a las parcelas aprobado por los votantes y próximo a expirar, hasta que los votantes lo finalicen, que, actualmente es de \$60.52/al año, genera \$2,600,000 al año, y exige la divulgación del gasto público, la supervisión ciudadana, auditorías y el control local de todos los fondos?

☐ YES / SÍ

☐ NO / NO

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MEASURE "H" - SAN GORGONIO MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE DISTRICT'S EXPIRING SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE SERVICES

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District (the "District") is a health care district formed and operating under the Local Health Care District Law set forth in Health and Safety Code section 32000 et seq. (the "Law"), which serves the residents of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, and surrounding unincorporated communities of Riverside County, California; and

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of a community's quality of life is local access to hospital services, including emergency room, rapid-response, lifesaving, medical care with qualified and well-trained physicians and nurses, as well as advanced medical technology and treatments, and the District has the authority to provide these emergency healthcare services pursuant to the Law; and

WHEREAS, particularly in a life-threatening medical emergency when every second counts, access to local emergency medical care is essential to saving lives, and the San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital saves lives, operating the only emergency room in the Pass Area's growing community; and

WHEREAS, inadequate staffing and equipment for emergency healthcare services may pose a risk to the health, safety, and general welfare of the District's residents and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the District has an interest in providing adequate funding for its emergency healthcare services to ensure that there is sufficient staffing and equipment to service District residents and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Constitution articles XIII A, section 4, XIII C, section 2(d), XIII D, section 3(a), California Government Code sections 50075 et seq., and section 53730.01, the District is authorized to impose special parcel taxes; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2001, the District adopted Resolution No. 01-1 proposing (i) the levy of an annual special parcel tax (the "Emergency Healthcare Services Tax") for a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2002, at the rate of \$38 per year per taxable parcel within the District, for the purpose of providing funds for an Emergency Department and its associated services on a 24-hour basis, and (ii) annual cost of living increases based on the Consumer Price Index for Los-Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, California, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor for all items ("Measure D"); and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2002, 68.71% of the qualified voters of the District voting in the election approved Measure D; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax was scheduled to expire on July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2012, the District adopted Resolution No. 2012-01 proposing (i) the extension and establishment of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax for a ten-year period beginning July 1, 2012, at the rate of \$49 per year per taxable parcel within the District, for the purpose of providing funds for an Emergency Department and its associated services on a 24-hour basis, and (ii) annual cost of living increases based on the Consumer Price Index for Los-Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, California, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor for all item ("Measure D"); and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2012, 72.73% of the qualified voters of the District voting in the election approved Measure D; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax expires on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the District must find an immediate solution to provide adequate funding for its Emergency Department and its associated services for a twenty-four hour period and ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide adequate funding for the District's Emergency Department and its associated services for a twenty-four hour period and ensure the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and members of the public, the District has determined it is necessary to extend the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax without increasing the local tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to continue without increasing the expiring Emergency Healthcare Services Tax at the rate of \$60.52 per parcel per year, commencing July 1, 2022 and continuing until ended by the voters, to provide for the continued operation and maintenance by the District of an Emergency Department and its associated services on a twenty-four hour basis for locally controlled emergency medical services at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Directors of the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and by this reference made an operative part hereof.

Section 2. Special Parcel Tax for Emergency Healthcare Services. Commencing July 1, 2022, the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District (the "District") special parcel tax (the "Emergency Healthcare Services Tax") is hereby continued and established at the existing tax rate of \$60.52 annually until ended by the voters. The specific purposes of the special parcel tax are to pay for the continued operation and maintenance of the District's Emergency Department and associated services on a 24-hour basis, including, but not limited to, the cost of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining equipment, and paying the salaries, benefits, and all other necessary and related expenses of emergency healthcare services personnel, equipment and apparatus as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or as required by law, regulation or contractual obligation of the District, and any incidental expenses incurred in the administration of the tax, including, but not limited to, the costs of the election, and the cost of collection. The proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be used only for the specific purposes identified herein.

Section 3. Special Account. The proceeds of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax shall be deposited in a special account, created and maintained by the District, and used only for the specific purposes identified in Section 2 hereof.

Section 4. Accountability Measures. The expenditures of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax shall be monitored by an independent volunteer Citizens' Oversight Committee (the "Committee") appointed by the Board of Directors to ensure conformance with this Ordinance. The Board of Directors shall establish the Committee not more than sixty (60) days after July 1, 2022. For so long as any proceeds of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax remain unexpended, the District shall cause a report to be prepared by an independent auditor. The report shall be reviewed by the Oversight Committee and filed with the District Board of Directors no later than December 31 of each year, stating (1) the amount of special parcel tax proceeds collected and expended in such year; and (2) the status of any projects or description of any services or programs funded from proceeds of the special parcel tax.

Section 5. Application of Special Parcel Tax. The Emergency Healthcare Services Tax shall be assessed to the owner of each parcel within the District, unless the owner is by law exempt from taxation, in which case, the tax imposed shall be assessed to the holder of the possessory interest in such parcel, unless such holder is also by law exempt from taxation.

Section 6. Rate and Imposition of Special Parcel Tax. The Emergency Healthcare Services Tax shall be levied each year until ended by the voters, commencing July 1, 2022, on all taxable parcels of property, improved or unimproved, within the boundaries of the District, at the maximum rate of \$60.52 per parcel per year.

Section 7. Severability. The Emergency Healthcare Services Tax shall not apply to any person, entity, or property as to whom or which it is beyond the power of the District to impose the tax herein provided. If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is found to be invalid, or if the special parcel tax is found inapplicable to any particular parcel within the District by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the balance of this Ordinance and the application of the special parcel tax to the remaining parcels within the District shall not be affected and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 8. Successors. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Ordinance and its special tax authorization and authority shall be binding upon any successors in interest to the District or any successors in interest to the District's emergency healthcare functions and services.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE “H”

This Measure has been placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the San Gorgonio Memorial Health Care District (“District”) at a special mailed ballot election on December 14, 2021. Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 50077, 53790 *et seq.*, 43722, 53724 and 53730.01 of the Government Code authorize the District to impose a special tax if approved by two-thirds of the qualified voters voting within the District.

On 2012, the District adopted Resolution No. 2012-01 proposing the extension and establishment of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax (Measure “D”) for a ten year period beginning July 1, 2012 and expiring on July 1, 2022. The qualified voters of the District approved Measure D and the current rate of the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax is \$60.52 per parcel per year.

The District has determined that it is necessary to continue the Emergency Healthcare Services Tax without increasing the existing rate of \$60.52. For this reason, the Board is proposing the approval of a special tax, in the form of a parcel tax, to be levied annually on all parcels of taxable real property within the District. For purposes of the special tax, “taxable property” shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District which receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector. If the Measure is approved, the tax will commence on July 1, 2022 and continue until ended by voters.

The special parcel taxes will pay for continued operation and maintenance of the District’s emergency department and associated services on a 24-hour basis, including, but not limited to, the cost of obtaining, operating and maintaining equipment, and paying salaries, benefits and expenses of emergency healthcare services personnel. Specifically, the District will be able to maintain local rapid-response and lifesaving emergency medical care, provide up-to-date technology and treatment, ensure patient safety and retain qualified nurses and physicians without increasing existing tax rates. At the current rate of \$60.52 per parcel per year, the Measure will generate approximately \$2,600,000 annually to support emergency medical services at San Gorgonio Hospital.

If Measure H is approved, the Board of the District will appoint a citizens’ oversight committee, and conduct annual independent financial and performance audits to ensure that the special parcel tax revenue are spent only for the specific purposes identified in the Measure.

For this Measure to be approved two-thirds of the qualified voters who vote on the Measure must vote yes.

A “yes” vote on this measure is a vote in favor of approving a special tax for purposes of providing funding for continued operation and maintenance of the emergency department and associated services at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital.

A “no” vote on this measure is a vote against approving a special tax for purposes of providing funding for continued operation and maintenance of the emergency department and associated services at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital.

By: Ronak N. Patel, Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “H”

WITHOUT increasing local tax rates – VOTE YES on H to protect vital, lifesaving emergency medical care close to home at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital (SGMH).

For 70 years, local victims of accidents, heart attacks, strokes and other medical emergencies have relied on San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital for lifesaving emergency medical care. SGMH operates **the ONLY Emergency Room (ER) in the Pass Area**. The next closest ER is 30-45+ minutes away depending on traffic.

To keep **our community’s ONLY ER** open and fully operational, local voters overwhelmingly approved a modest parcel tax in 2002 and reauthorized it in 2012. Voters understood then that **every second counts in an emergency** and quick access to medical help when you need it most, **SAVES LIVES**.

Without Measure H, our healthcare future will suffer, with fewer doctors and nurses, longer patient wait times, and overcrowded ERs further away.

Measure H continues local funding to:

- **Maintain** local access to lifesaving emergency medical care
- **Retain** qualified physicians and nurses to serve our growing community
- **Provide** up-to-date medical technologies/treatments
- **Protect** patient safety and short wait times
- **Add** medical expertise and advanced services for stroke victims
- **Keep San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital OPEN, with a fully operational ER, 24/7.**

Measure H WON’T raise your tax rate. At about \$5/month, it simply continues existing funding already approved by voters twice before, **keeping your Measure H tax rate FLAT going forward.**

MANDATORY TAXPAYER PROTECTIONS, including public disclosure of spending, all funds locally controlled, **and NO tax rate increase**, continue with Measure H until ended by voters. ALL funds stay local **for San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital ER services ONLY**.

Local doctors, nurses, first responders, community leaders, and former patients urge your support.

No one knows when a life-threatening medical emergency or local disaster will strike. Measure H ensures that emergency medical care will be accessible when we need it most.

Please, VOTE YES!

YESonHforSGMH.com

By: Art Welch, Retired Banning Mayor, 26 Year Sun Lakes Resident
Pat Brown, R.N., Chief Nursing Officer, San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital, 33 years at SGMH
Amy Herr, Beaumont Parent, Youth Advocate & CEO, Boys & Girls Club of San Gorgonio Pass
Mickey Valdivia, Lifelong (50-Year) Beaumont Resident, Born at San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital
Mary Ann Andreas, Morongo Tribal Council Member, Lifelong Banning Resident

NO ARGUMENT FILED AGAINST MEASURE “H”



Conditional Voter Registration

Did you forget to register or update your voter registration? No Problem! You can register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the Registrar of Voters office. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration. Here's how it works:

1. Visit the Registrar of Voters office.
2. Complete a voter registration card or register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov.
3. Vote your ballot.
4. Once the Registrar of Voters processes your registration and determines you are eligible, you will be registered to vote and your ballot will be counted.

To learn more about Conditional Voter Registration, visit vote.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding Conditional Voter Registration, please call (951) 486-7200 or toll free (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

You may check the status of your voter registration at www.voteinfo.net/AmIRegistered.



California Motor Voter

The California Motor Voter program is making registering to vote at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) more convenient and secure. All eligible individuals completing driver license or ID card or change of address transactions at the DMV will be registered to vote with the California Secretary of State unless they "opt out" of automatic voter registration.

The California Motor Voter program applies to Californians who are 18 years or older and meet the following criteria:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California.
- Not currently in state or federal prison for the conviction of a felony.
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Note: Voter pre-registration is available for those 16 and 17 years of age. Their voter registration will become active automatically when they turn 18.

Before visiting a DMV field office, we recommend making an appointment. Visit <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/portal/foa/welcome> to get started. You can also use DMV online services (<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/dmv-online/>) to renew your driver license or ID card or change your address.

If you indicate you're eligible to vote, once you complete your driver license or state ID renewal form transaction online, by mail or in person at the DMV, your voter information is then transmitted securely and electronically to the California Secretary of State.

Please note that drivers with an AB 60 driver's license are not eligible to participate in the California Motor Voter program and are not eligible to vote.

For more information, visit MotorVoter.sos.ca.gov.

To register to vote online, visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov.



Language Services

The County of Riverside is making voting easier in 2021!

Some locations will have translated sample ballots available for select precincts that can be used as a reference tool when voting.

You may also request one by calling (800) 773-VOTE (8683), or by visiting www.voteinfo.net. Requests must be received no later than 7 days before the election.

Servicios de Idiomas

¡El Condado de Riverside hace que votar sea más fácil en 2021!

Algunas ubicaciones tendrán boletas de muestra traducidas que estarán disponibles en recintos electorales seleccionados que se podrán usar como una herramienta de referencia al votar.

También puede pedir una llamando al (800) 773-VOTE (8683) o si visita www.voteinfo.net. Las solicitudes deben recibirse a más tardar 7 días antes de la elección.

언어 서비스

Riverside 카운티는 2021 년 투표를 용이하게 합니다!

번역된 견본 투표용지가 선정된 선거구의 일부 투표소에 구비되어 투표 시 참조 도구로 사용할 수 있게 됩니다.

(800) 773-VOTE (8683) 으로 전화, 또는 www.voteinfo.net 을 방문하여 요청할 수도 있습니다.요청은 선거 7 일 전까지 접수되어야만 합니다.

Mga Serbisyo sa Wika

Mas padadaliin ng County ng Riverside ang pagboto sa 2021!

Ang ilang lugar ay magkakaroon ng mga sample na balota na isinaling-wika at makukuha sa mga piling presinto na magagamit bilang sanggunian kapag bumoboto.

Maaari ka ring humingi nito sa pamamagitan ng pagtawag sa (800) 773-VOTE (8683), o sa pagbisita sa www.voteinfo.net. Dapat ay matanggap ang mga kahilingan nang hindi lalagpas sa 7 araw bago ang halalan.