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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE **■**

Vote YES on Measure **■** to maintain funding needed for City police, fire, and emergency services; and to maintain critical infrastructure.

Highland has been fiscally responsible and lived within its means through conservative fiscal management. Highland has consistently adopted balanced budgets by curbing costs and delaying much needed maintenance and infrastructure projects without reductions in public safety services. However, beginning in 2027, even with significant commercial development occurring in Highland, expenditures are projected to outpace revenues.

Measure **■** will generate approximately \$6.35 million in unrestricted funds annually that will allow Highland to:

- Improve police, fire, and paramedic staffing to maintain emergency response times
- Reduce crime with neighborhood community patrols, crime suppression, investigation, and traffic enforcement
- Repair and maintain roads, bridges, drainage, and other critical infrastructure including fixing traffic congestion at the 5th Street Corridor Interchange
- Improve code enforcement services to reduce blight, illegal dumping and nuisances

First responders need the equipment and personnel to protect Highland in case of a fire, medical emergency, or natural disaster. Highland also needs to properly maintain roads and bridges. Without a new revenue stream, the City will be forced to cut public safety services and essential infrastructure projects.

Measure **■** is fiscally accountable and transparent with independent annual audits. 100% of Measure **■** funds stay local and cannot be taken by the State.

Measure **■** ensures that out-of-town visitors pay their share of police, fire, street repairs and other services when they shop in Highland.

Protect Highland's public safety services, and quality of life. **Vote YES on Measure **■**!**

Penny Lilburn, Highland Mayor

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