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Since 1985, Rim of the World Recreation and Park District, governed by a locally elected Board, consistently has served a 110-square-mile area by operating twelve parks, a sports complex, community spaces, two community centers and a range of programs for residents.

The District receives no state or county funding for ongoing operations and relies on the current \$22-per-year Special Parcel Tax paid by property owners within its boundaries. The Special Parcel Tax currently provides approximately 70% of the District's \$1.1 million annual operating budget.

As costs continue to rise, the District has taken significant steps to reduce expenditures, reducing staffing and overhead, conducting a comprehensive fee study to align program fees with actual costs, and designating a number of cost cutting measures. Despite these efforts, revenues cannot keep pace with increasing insurance, utility, maintenance, and repair costs, putting at risk the District's ability to continue to provide consistent recreational facilities and programs for the community.

A yes vote on Measure R increases the existing annual Special Parcel Tax by only \$15 per parcel/year, from \$22 to \$37, with a 1% annual escalator. The measure would generate approximately \$510,000 in additional first-year revenue. That revenue could be used only for the purposes set out here.

Local tax revenue would remain local and support safe, accessible, and resilient District operations and recreation programs, while helping maintain emergency reserves for repairs following wildfires, severe storms, and other unforeseen events.

Independent oversight and annual audits provide accountability and transparency.