

Answers to Questions asked on Social Media

DON'T BE EMOTIONALLY SWAYED!

Measure R isn't about keeping our community safe. *It's about funding a bloated Administration that REFUSES TO PRODUCE A FINANCIAL AUDIT.* - *The District has worked for months to review and validate the financials. The Pun Group was hired in September to take over this process. The Districts' external auditor has been informed the corrected reports and information will be provided in mid-December.*

WHY would CSD spend an approximate \$100K! to get an unpopular Measure R on the ballot? ** For a serious money grab at additional revenue WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY. – This is how much it costs to add a measure to the ballot. This is an accurate figure. All invoices and work products will be reviewed after the election.*

Measure R is a Trojan Horse that rolls in Resolution R2022-18 as CSD's policy to put complete control of the Measure, its revenue and policy changes under the CSD Board of Directors. **DID YOU KNOW ??** * Measure R is an 85% RATE INCREASE for residents of RM North & South with a 346% increase for residents in Murieta Village & Gardens for the POSSIBILITY of getting UP TO the same level of service they are getting now. * Rate INCREASES will be CALCULATED BY THE CSD GM (using a Consumer Price Index variable) WITHOUT OVERSIGHT. – *The reason the increases vary between the different parcel locations is due to changes in the Special Parcel Tax laws since Measure J was approved by the voters in 1998. The Security Department reports monthly to the Security Committee and at every Regular Board Meeting, which is held at 5 PM on the third Wednesday, every month. The CSD Board of Directors have approved placing Measure R on the ballot to eliminate the need to fund Security services with general purpose property taxes. The Board has made funding reserves, which support the water and sewer infrastructure their number one priority. Since the District is regulated by the County and State to provide safe drinking water and a safe sewer system, property taxes need to be supporting these services.*

* There is NOTHING PROHIBITING AUTOMATIC ANNUAL INCREASES without reporting to substantiate the need. - *This is not the case. There are reporting requirements that will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.*

* Measure R does not supersede Measure J. They will run CONCURRENTLY - totaling a 7% annual increase. - *The increase would be capped at 7% when the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Pacific Division, as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, is 5% or greater. When the index is lower than 5%, the increase will be less than 7%. All increases must be approved by the Board every year, for both Measure J & R.*

* ALL APPEALS to the rate increases are subject to CSD's determination alone. RMCSDB Board will make the binding decision without community participation. * The only way to change the increases would be another costly and time consuming Ballot Measure at YOUR EXPENSE! Meanwhile; you still pay the increase. – *All increase to District special tax are part of the annual budget process. The budget process is open to the public and all community members are invited to participate in the budget discussion.*

HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU THAT:

● RMCSDB will correctly CALCULATE (and invoice) ACCURATE rate increases? – *The rate increases are based on a specific cost of living index. The Board of Directors are limited to no more than a 5% increase. The cost of*

living index is designed to keep up with inflation, wages and the cost of doing business. Measure R was designed to keep up with the cost of providing Security without the need to redirect property taxes destined for reserves to supplement the cost of providing Security.

● **RMCS D will provide ANY financial REPORTING to justify the AUTOMATIC annual increases after they have REFUSED to produce a Financial AUDIT since FY2019-2020?** – *The 2020-21 and the 2021-22 audit preparation is currently being addressed by The Pun Group. The 2020-21 audit prep is due to the District’s external auditor by mid-December. The next steps will be for The Pun Group to review the 2021-22 documents and then provide these to the external auditor in the Spring of 2023. During this period of time District finance staff will be migrating to the new financial system which is designed for government agencies. Going forward the goal will be to provide audit documents within a few months of the end of the fiscal year.*

● **These funds won’t be repurposed, or loaned to another Fund through a vote by the Board of Directors?** - *This is a correct statement. Measure R funds will be dedicated 100% to support Security operations.*

● **RMCS D will not amend the controlling documents at a later date, to change the guidelines?** – *The Special Parcel Tax is a law that the District must abide by. It will be reviewed by the Security Committee and the Board on a monthly basis. This will also become part of the annual audit of the District’s finances.*