



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS AZUSA MARCH 3RD MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Q: What is on the March 3rd Municipal Election Ballot?

A: On November 19th, the Azusa City Council unanimously placed **Measure Z** on the ballot for voter consideration. Azusa voters will also have the opportunity to select two councilmembers and the City's mayor.

Q: What is Measure Z?

A: **Measure Z** is a locally controlled ¾ cent sales tax measure placed on the Municipal Election ballot to maintain services such as 911 response, addressing homelessness and other City services.

Q: How could Measure Z funds be spent?

A: If enacted, **Measure Z** funds could be used for community- identified spending priorities, such as:

- ✓ Continuing police anti-gang enforcement programs
- ✓ Addressing homelessness
- ✓ Maintaining police patrols of neighborhood schools
- ✓ Maintaining police patrols of neighborhoods, parks and recreations areas
- ✓ Preventing reductions to police officer staffing levels
- ✓ Maintaining city services
- ✓ Repairing streets and potholes

Q: How could Measure Z funding help 911 emergency response?

A: In 2018, Azusa police officers, local firefighters and paramedics responded to more than 100,000 calls for service, including 15,000 911 calls of which 1,900 were medical emergencies. **Measure Z** funding could be used to maintain 911 response services to make sure people get help during an emergency.

Q: What other City services could be addressed by Measure Z?

A: **Measure Z** funding could be used to maintain City-funded after-school and recreational programs that serve thousands of local youth each year. Providing youth with these activities and programs with access to tutoring and mentoring was identified as a priority by Azusa residents.

Q: What fiscal accountability provisions does Measure Z include?

A: **Measure Z** includes fiscal accountability provisions that require annual independent financial audits and public review of expenditures. No **Measure Z** funds can be taken by the county, state or federal government.

Q: Are there any changes to the voting system for this election?

A: Yes! The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters will be experimenting with a new ballot format and voting system – Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) where new voting technology will be implemented, and the entire system will be electronic.

Also, changes in state law now allow more time to register to vote. Eligible Azusa residents will have the opportunity to register or re-register all the way up to and including Election Day by visiting any voting center in the County.

For more information on the new systems or registering to vote, visit the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters: www.lavote.net or the Azusa City Clerk: www.AzusaCa.gov/1532/Election-Information