

# MEASURES Y & Z

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### Q: What are Measures Y and Z?

A: For the past year, the Citizens for Lower Sewer Costs Committee community members have been working with the Town to evaluate local revenue options to lower the cost of the sewer system and address Town service needs. On August 2, the Yucca Valley Town Council placed **Measures Y and Z** on the November 2016 ballot. **Measure Y** is a local ½ cent sales tax measure to provide local funds, that cannot be taken by the state, for local town services such as public safety and streets and pothole repair. **Measure Z** is a local ½ cent sales tax measure to reduce the costs of the sewer assessment for residents.



### Q: Why were Measures Y and Z placed on the ballot?

A: The Town has heard a lot about the community's desire to reduce the cost of the sewer assessment for residents and for better local services, especially public safety and streets and pothole repair. The fact is that our streets are underfunded and they are continuing to deteriorate. Additionally, more and more parolees and sex offenders are being released early into our community because of state cuts to prisons and is affecting safety in Yucca Valley.

### Q: How will Measure Z lower sewer assessment costs?

A: **Measure Z** is a special purpose local sales tax measure that, if approved, would provide funding to reduce the costs of the sewer system assessment for residents up to 30% per year. As a special measure, all **Measure Z** funds can only be spent on reducing the costs of the sewer system. If approved, **Measure Z** would equitably reduce the costs of the sewer assessment for all phases.



### Q: What town services would Measure Y fund?

A: Specific town services have been identified as priorities for **Measure Y** funding, if approved. **Measure Y** priorities include:

- Maintaining neighborhood safety, police patrols and 911 response.
- Maintaining and repairing existing neighborhood streets and alleys.
- Maintaining the Town's quality of life basic programs.

### Q: Do Measure Y and Z include taxpayer accountability?

A: Yes, **Measures Y and Z** require independent annual audits and a citizens oversight committee to monitor funds and ensure all funds are spent properly with transparency and accountability to the public. By law, **Measure Z** funds can only be spent reducing the assessment costs of the sewer system and cannot be redirected by the town council. By law, **Measure Y** funds are required to be spent locally and can only be spent on local town services.

### Q: Where can I get more information about Measures Y and Z?

A: For more information about **Measures Y and Z**, visit [www.yucca-valley.org](http://www.yucca-valley.org).