

YES on measure **A** JANET GOESKE FOUNDATION

What is Measure A?

Measure A approves the transfer of water fund revenue into the City's General Fund. This money is used to support local quality of life services such as: tree-trimming, crossing guards, after-school programs, free city-wide wifi, and senior/disabled services. Voters have approved this funds transfer three times before in 1907, 1968 and 1977. The measure requires annual independent financial audits, public review of expenditures and ensures that all funds remain local.

Voting YES on Measure A:

Means that you support the continued transfer of water fund revenue into the City's General Fund. These funds will continue to support the local city services that residents have been receiving for years. *Voting yes will not increase your water rates, fees or taxes.*

Voting NO on Measure A:

Means you prefer that 100% of water fund revenue remains with the publicly-owned water utility company, reducing the City's General Fund by approximately \$6.7 million per year, resulting in budget cuts to some local services. *Voting no will not decrease your water rates, fees, or taxes.*

What happens if Measure A passes?

The publicly-owned water utility will continue to transfer a fixed percentage of water fund revenue (up to 11.5%) into the City's General Fund as it has for over 100 years. Local services will continue to provide quality of life services that residents are accustomed to.

What happens if Measure A fails?

The City of Riverside has released a list of "**Proposed cuts and the amount proposed for reduction**" that would take effect on July 1, 2013. This list includes but is not limited to the following:

\$770,000 to eliminate the citywide Wi-Fi program that provides free Internet access to most parts of the City, including to low-income families participating in the SmartRiverside program.

\$25,000 for books and other materials in the Library Department. Further cuts to the Library are prohibited by Measure I.

\$428,000 to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, **including \$189,000 at the Janet Goeske Senior Center, which is a 50% reduction in funding**; \$149,000 cuts to swimming programs; and \$65,000 for fireworks at Mt. Rubidoux and La Sierra parks.

\$806,000 to eliminate the program that provides crossing guards at busy intersections near schools.

\$470,000 to the graffiti abatement program, which would cut the program's budget in half.

\$713,000 to the 311 call center program, which residents use to request city services, including pothole repair, graffiti clean-up, etc.