



Cathedral City

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Dear Friend:

Your fire and police departments work hard to keep our community safe and secure.

Over the past five years, Sacramento has taken \$20 million in revenue from Cathedral City and has made providing public safety and other services a challenge. A voter approved revenue measure passed in 2010 has helped allow us to maintain basic services to meet our community's needs. That local funding measure is scheduled to expire and the City will lose nearly \$4.5 million in revenue.

Without dedicated local funding Cathedral City will be challenged to meet our residents' service needs for fire prevention, emergency medical care, 9-1-1 emergency dispatch, neighborhood patrols, police services, graffiti removal, and many other City services.

Measure B, which is on the June 3, 2014 ballot will, if passed, continue voter approved funds and allow us to avoid dramatic cuts, especially in police and fire, and to keep the City financially stable. Funds from Measure B cannot be taken away by Sacramento and would allow Cathedral City to keep local control over vital public safety services as well as provide first responders with the equipment they need such as breathing apparatuses and protective clothing.

Measure B is simply a continuation of voter approved funding and is not a new tax or a rate increase. Funds generated by Measure B also continue tough accountability provisions to prevent waste, fraud and abuse of public funds with an independent Citizen's Finance Advisory Committee.

Cathedral City is one of the few cities in the region with its own local fire and police departments: men and women who are invested in and know our community. We believe we provide better service because we truly know the community we serve.

For additional information visit the City's website at www.cathedralcity.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Van Nortrick
Cathedral City Fire Chief