

# YES ON MEASURES H AND I

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Q WHAT ARE MEASURES H & I?

**A** Measure H allows Trinity County Life Support to become a California special district. For the past 27 years, TCLS has been a non-profit agency.

Measure I is \$45 per year parcel tax, which will fund life support services.

### Q WHY ARE MEASURES H & I NEEDED NOW?

**A** TCLS is operating at a financial deficit to protect patients with the current two 24/7 ambulances. Medi-Cal and Medicare continues to pay less than it costs to provide service.

There are current reimbursement programs for Medi-Cal shortfalls that we do not qualify for as a non-profit. Formation of the district will allow direct access.

Due to Federal government constraints on how the costs of medical expenses are reimbursed, TCLS can no longer survive as simply a non-profit. Turning it into a local agency will allow it to be reimbursed for its life support services.

Without passage of Measures H & I, Trinity County Life Support will be eliminated. It's really that simple, and we owe it to voters to be open and honest about what is at stake this November.

Trinity County Life Support receives 1,500 calls each year. That's 1,500 of our friends, neighbors and family who are in need. Sometimes it's a matter of life and death. Our communities can't afford to lose vital lifelines.

### Q HOW MUCH WILL MEASURE I COST?

**A** Measure I will cost property owners \$45 per parcel on commercial and residential developments. There is no assessment for vacant parcels and parcels with minor improvements. This will bring in approximately \$258,000 - a stable funding supplement for ambulance operations.

### Q WHAT DOES TCLS DO?

**A** Our communities have relied upon Trinity County Life Support nearly 30 years – providing 911 Advanced Life Support and emergency services for Weaverville, Hayfork and the communities of Coffee Creek, Douglas City, Down River, Hyampom, Junction City, Lewiston, Post Mountain, Trinity Center and Wildwood.

One challenge of living a rural life among this beauty is that in an emergency, help can be a long way away. That's why Measure H and Measure I are critical to our families and our communities.

Trained 911 responders with advanced life support supplies, equipment and ambulances are at the ready when you or your family are in your greatest need.

## Q ARE MEASURES H & I TRULY NEEDED?

**A** Yes. TCLS can no longer survive as a non-profit. Turning it into a local agency with Measure H will allow it to be reimbursed for some life support services.. Measure I with the parcel tax of \$45 will ensure financial stability.

Measures H and I combined will prevent cuts or elimination of this local life support ambulance service – including two 24/7 ambulances for emergencies stationed in Weaverville and Hayfork. Both Measures H and I must pass.

## Q WHO SUPPORTS MEASURES H & I?

**A** Measures H & I have broad community support, including Trinity County Sheriff Tim Saxon and a growing list of local endorsers, reflected in the attached list.

## Q WHY ISN'T INSURANCE ALREADY COVERING YOUR EXPENSES?

**A** Rural services are failing because the cost of readiness exceeds what we can generate. The call volume cannot mediate a mix of high Medi-Cal and Medicare as it can in more populated and affluent areas.

## Q WHY NOT SOME OTHER GENERAL SOLUTION, LIKE A SALES TAX FOR ALL PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES?

**A** The idea of everyone sharing in the needed funding is attractive to everyone, including us  
All public safety agencies are struggling to provide the needed staffing to cover our functions  
Without the District, we leave potential government reimbursement for government mandated shortfalls untapped.

Measures H and I were arrived at as the most stable and predictable option to support needed staffing and maximize contributions from outside the County

## Q WILL I GET AN AMBULANCE BILL IF THIS PASSES

**A** Billing for ambulance services will remain the same as they currently are with our non-profit organization structure. There will be no change to our billing practices.