

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

Can you imagine this community without a hospital, emergency room, health clinics and the many other services Mountains Community Hospital (MCH) provides?

Measure H will make the current parcel tax permanent, thus eliminating the significant expense of holding an election every 4 years. In addition, the hospital is asking for an annual increase, tied to the CPI with a 3% cap, to ensure MCH can keep pace with ever increasing healthcare costs. This means that the first year increase, assuming the full 3% change in the CPI, would be \$2.40 for a homeowner.

The success of MCH depends on patients, and last year it had 46,000 patient visits, more than ever before in its 68-year history! This is a testament to its excellent staff and tireless efforts to improve quality and patient safety.

Patient volume is up and patients are coming to the ER with increasingly severe and complex conditions. The cost to provide essential healthcare services has increased by more than 56% in just the past 10 years, but the tax has not gone up – ever. Approval of Measure H will ensure MCH can continue to meet the needs of our community, today, and in the years to come.

MCH has demonstrated that it uses our tax support wisely. Each year MCH goes through rigorous independent financial audits that are analyzed and approved by its publicly elected Board of Directors.

MCH attracts and retains doctors and other health providers. It supports local paramedics in the event of accidents and emergencies by providing an immediately accessible ER, open 24/7, as well as an FAA approved heliport. MCH also keeps jobs in our community, maintains property values and strengthens the local economy.

Please join us to **VOTE YES TO KEEP OUR HOSPITAL FOREVER!**

Submitted by the Keep Our Hospital Forever Committee

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ballot measure H at the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION election for the
Measure Letter Title of Election

SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT to be held on MARCH 3, 2020 hereby state that this
Jurisdiction Date of Election

argument is true and correct to the best of THEIR knowledge and belief.
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