Law Enforcement Services and Pension Liability Payment Measure

November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election

FACT SHEET

- **This measure extends Measure E at a new rate. It is not an additional tax, and property owners would never pay both.**
- **Measure E expires June 30, 2027 regardless of this election.**

If approved, the measure would extend the Measure E tax property owners already pay for six more years at a new rate, beginning July 1, 2027. Every property would pay $683 more per year, about $57 more per month, than it pays under Measure E today, regardless of home size. The measure would generate approximately **$8.7 million annually** for Palos Verdes Estates Police Department services, with $1 million of that annual total dedicated to reducing the City's unfunded pension liability. It may not fund new City buildings.

THE CITY'S BUDGET PICTURE

FY 2026–27 Adopted Budget

GF REVENUES	GF EXPENDITURES	STRUCTURAL DEFICIT	POLICE BUDGET	PROPERTY TAX SHARE
$25.7M	**$27.4M**	**$1.5M**	**$8.7M**	**11¢**
Revenues & transfers in	Total expenditures	Projected FY 2026/27 operating deficit after the tree-trimming budget adjustment	Police is about 32% of the General Fund	Of every $1 PVE homeowners pay returns to the City

EXPIRING REVENUE: The Measure E parcel tax ($5.1M annually) expires June 30, 2027. It represents approximately **20% of total General Fund revenues** and nearly **60% of the Police Department's budget**.

WHAT THE CITY HAS DONE SO FAR

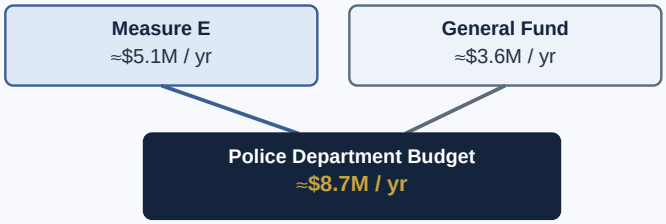
- **Reduced Police Staffing** — Eliminated 3 sworn officer and 4 full-time non-sworn positions since 2018
- **Reduced Contract Costs** — Cut contractual expenditures and implemented operational reductions
- **Deferred Maintenance** — Postponed repairs and capital improvement projects
- **Pursued Grants** — Sought outside funding opportunities and one-time funding sources
- **Used Reserves** — Relied on reserve funds to balance the budget

REVENUE WOULD STAY IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES

- **24-hour local police protection** — Patrol and emergency response throughout the entire city
- **Investigations & traffic safety** — Local investigations and traffic enforcement
- **Community engagement** — School outreach and crime prevention programs
- **Maintaining response times** — Supports the City's average three-minute emergency response time
- **Local, independent police department** — Community-based law enforcement serving the entire city
- **100% stays local** — Special tax revenue cannot be taken by the State or County

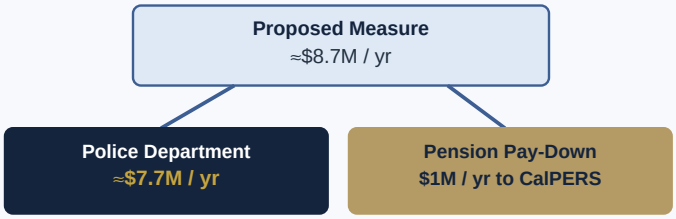
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM: TODAY vs. IF APPROVED

TODAY



Measure E expires June 30, 2027; the $5.1M source ends regardless of this election

IF THE MEASURE IS APPROVED



General Fund support for the Police Department drops from ≈$3.6M to ≈$1M / yr, reducing reliance on reserves

RATE COMPARISON

Every property pays the same $683 more per year (≈$57 per month), regardless of home size

Rate Component	Current Measure E	Proposed Measure	Difference
Base amount (per parcel)	$342	$1,025	+$683 per year
Improvement amount (per sq. ft.)	20¢	20¢	No change
Annual adjustment	None	2%/year (from FY 2028–29)	n/a
Citywide annual revenue	≈$5.1 million	≈$8.7 million	+≈$3.6 million

Median Home (2,745 sq. ft.)	Current Measure E	Proposed Measure	Difference
Per year	$891	≈$1,574	**+$683**
Per month	≈$74	≈$131	**+≈$57**

BALLOT QUESTION · Palos Verdes Estates Law Enforcement Services and Pension Liability Payment Measure

"Shall the measure to maintain Palos Verdes Estates Police Department services and to pay down the City's unfunded accrued pension liability, by extending the City's special parcel tax for 6 years at the new rate of $1,025 per taxable parcel plus 20¢ per square foot of taxable building improvements, subject to 2% annual adjustment, generating approximately $8,700,000 annually, subject to annual audits, reporting and citizens' committee oversight, be adopted?"

YES ■ **NO** ■

ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

Separate Dedicated Account
Funds may be used only for the purposes stated in the measure

Annual Reports & Independent Audits
Reviewed by the City Council at publicly noticed meetings

Finance Advisory Committee
Reviews and audits expenditures, including pension liability impact

Six-Year Sunset
The tax ends June 30, 2033

2/3 Two-Thirds Approval
Requires 66.67% of votes cast

KEY DATES

- **JUL 28** — Council places measure on ballot
- **AUG 7** — Filed with L.A. County
- **AUG 14** — Arguments due (300 words)
- **AUG 24** — Rebuttals due (250 words)
- **NOV 3** — Election Day 2/3 approval required
- **JUL 1, 2027** — New rate begins if approved