



# Frequently Asked Questions:

## Q: What is Measure L?

A proposed ¼-cent (quarter-cent) sales tax increase on most retail purchases in Santa Fe Springs. Adds an additional 1¢ for every \$4 spent.

## Q: Why is Measure L on the ballot now?

The repeal of a prior County sales tax measure has freed up ¼-cent in transactions (sales) and use tax capacity to cities and other local taxing agencies. However, if Santa Fe Springs does not seize this capacity for itself, the County or another taxing agency could take it for themselves instead, with no revenues going to Santa Fe Springs.

## Q: What does “local control of funds” mean?

If Measure L is approved, its revenues will stay in Santa Fe Springs and can be used for various community services, programing, improvements and other priorities.

## Q: What can the funds be used for?

Measure L revenues can be used to support:

- **Rapid Emergency Response:** Fully staffed firehouses and police services to keep response times strong and protect lives.
- **Recreational Programming for All Ages:** Recreation, youth, and senior programs that keep residents active and connected.
- **Upkeep, maintenance and improvement of City facilities and public spaces:** Cleaning of parks, firehouse renovations, and upkeep of public spaces and reactional facilities.
- **Homelessness and Environmental Protection:** Programs to address homelessness and initiatives to prevent trash and debris from entering the San Gabriel River.

## Q: What purchases are included?

The tax applies to most retail goods and services purchased in Santa Fe Springs. Essentials such as groceries and prescription medicine are not included.

## Q: How much money will stay local?

All funds raised would go directly to the City of Santa Fe Springs and cannot be taken by the State or County.

## Q: How will accountability be ensured?

Measure L includes annual audits and public reporting so residents can see how funds are used.

## Q: When will voters decide?

The measure will be on the ballot in the November 4, 2025 Special Election. All registered voters in Santa Fe Springs will receive information about how and when to vote.

