



## **Fulton-El Camino Rec & Park District Measure Q Frequently Asked Questions**

While our parks and recreational facilities in the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District have been well maintained over the years, many of them are outdated and in need of significant renovations. For these reasons, the District Board of has placed General Obligation Bond Measure Q on the upcoming November 2024 ballot.

The following information is provided to assist voters in understanding the facts behind Measure Q and how its passage will affect the District and our community.

### **What is Measure Q?**

Measure Q is a \$24.0 million General Obligation (G.O.) bond program. The measure is intended to address the district's need to upgrade and renovate existing parks, grounds, and recreational facilities in the Fulton-El Camino Rec and Park District, while also providing new opportunities to residents.

### **What is a General Obligation (G.O.) bond?**

G.O. bonds fund projects such as upgrades and renovations to existing parks, grounds, and recreational facilities. Similar to a home loan, G.O. bonds are typically repaid over 30 years. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property - residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial - located within the District's boundaries.

### **Why has the District placed Measure Q?**

Most of our parks and recreation facilities are old. Inadequate park facilities and grounds need major renovations and upgrades as well as some new projects to accommodate our larger population and community needs.

### **How did the District come up with the project list for Measure Q?**

Over the last several months, with input from staff, community leaders, and the Board of Directors, the District has prepared a Facilities Needs Analysis. This list identifies the major repairs and upgrades that need to be made. Specific projects identified include:

- Making safety and security improvements, including lighting, cameras, and fencing
- Renovating and upgrading old restrooms at parks and facilities
- Replacing or providing shade structures in the parks
- Improving handicap accessibility throughout the District
- Providing new playgrounds and play equipment

**What will Measure Q cost?**

The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$19 per \$100,000 of annual assessed valuation (Do not confuse assessed valuation with market value. Assessed valuations are the value placed on property by the County and are almost always lower than market values). Check your property tax statement for your current assessed valuation.

**Why can't the District meet its facilities needs with its current budget?**

Today, the scope of improvements needed at the Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District is far more than the current funding sources available. The rental fees which the district receives do not cover the cost of major upgrades and improvements to the facilities but rather just ongoing maintenance and small repairs.

**What will the passage of Measure Q mean for our community?**

The Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District grounds and facilities are used by the entire community - local children, families, and senior citizens. This measure will upgrade the parks and facilities throughout our community, which will provide more recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, protect open space, improve security, and increase property values.

**Has the District ever passed an improvement measure?**

No, this is the first request ever made by the District.

**What will happen if Measure Q does not pass?**

If the measure does not pass, our existing grounds and recreational facilities will continue to deteriorate. Consequently, major repairs will need to be postponed, and as a result, will potentially be more expensive to make.

**How can I be sure that all funds will be spent on improving our Park and Recreation facilities?**

By law, all bond funds have to be spent locally and cannot be taken by the state. In addition, a local independent citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that funds are properly spent. Anybody but employees and directors or their family members are eligible to participate and are encouraged to serve.