



Frequently Asked Questions

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Proposed Ballot Measures 16-110 and 16-111

Question: What measures have the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation District referred to the May 2024 Ballot?

Answer: The MACRD has two measures on the ballot. If both measures pass, the first one would dissolve the current district. The second one would authorize a permanent property tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed property value. If passed, this tax would be permanent. The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$21.00 per month or \$248.00 per year.

Question: Why has the MACRD referred measures to the Ballot?

Answer: If passed, the measures would consolidate MACRD's current public funding sources. The current operational revenues include a permanent tax rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and a 5-year local option levy of \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed property value that expires in June 2028. An additional bond rate of \$0.59 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be levied to make payments on the original construction bonds and is set to be paid off in June 2025. If passed, the proposed permanent tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed property value would replace the current funding approach.

Question: What would happen if one or both measures do not pass?

The staffing and maintenance projects would not be completed and property taxes would not be changed.

Question: If the measures pass, would the boundaries change?

Answer: No, the boundaries would not change.

Question: If the measures pass, how would tax bills change?

Three separate tax lines on your property tax statement will be consolidated into one permanent rate of \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed property value. The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$21.00 per month or \$248.00 per year.



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Answer: The property tax rate would be \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed property value. The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$21.00 per month or \$248.00 per year. This tax would be permanent.

Capital and maintenance projects for the MAC facility could be addressed in order of priority.

Certain user and registration fees may be reduced.

Sufficient staffing would be hired to increase MAC hours and enhance operations of the aquatics and land-based recreation programs offered by the MACRD.

1-5% of revenue would be saved annually for future capital/maintenance needs.

The district would no longer make use of an annual tax anticipation loan to fund operations from June-November.

Question: Why are there five elected board positions on the ballot?

Answer: If passed, a new district would be formed. Voters decide which candidates serve on the board and whether the new district will be formed at the same time.

Question: How is the MACRD managing taxpayer money?

Answer: The district has had 3-years of clean audits, and its budgets and audited financials are on the district's website at www.macrecdistrict.com/governance. Reach out to our executive director with questions about how the district has created internal controls and oversight of public funds.