

## Measure A – FAQs

### What is Measure A?

Measure A is a local ballot measure that allows us to address San Diego's homelessness crisis, while providing affordable homes for vulnerable populations at risk of becoming homeless. It will also generate the local resources necessary to receive millions in federal and state matching funds that we currently leave on the table.

Measure A will:

- Create homes for local homeless children and their families living in shelters, on the streets or in danger of becoming homeless.
- Provide homes for San Diegans experiencing chronic homelessness, where they can get supportive mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment, job training and placements.
- Ensure families can afford housing and still have enough money for basics like food, transportation and childcare.
- Create safe, clean and healthy homes for low-income seniors, veterans and those with disabilities.
- Provide affordable homes near jobs for low-income families.

### What are affordable housing and permanent supportive housing?

Affordable housing is that which is permanently affordable to lower income households. By law, rents will not exceed 30% of the household's income so that family can afford other necessities like transportation and healthcare. Affordable homes look like any other - they just have affordable rents!

Permanent supportive housing is affordable housing tailored to people experiencing homelessness. The affordable homes are accompanied by social services and treatment to help San Diegans experiencing homelessness and to keep them housed. Permanent supportive housing has shown to be the most effective housing model for ending someone's homelessness.

### Who would this serve?

Homes constructed with Measure A funds would serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness. It would also serve lower income individuals or families, veterans, youth, seniors, people living with a disability, and those at serious risk of becoming homeless, and individuals suffering from mental health or substance abuse illnesses.

### What would the bond program accomplish?

San Diego's Community Action Plan on Homelessness calls for 2,800 new supportive homes to end chronic street homelessness in the city. Measure A funds will not only build those supportive homes, but also help build affordable homes for those at risk of homelessness to ensure we can truly end homelessness in San Diego.

**How is the program funded?**

The median-priced home (\$600,000) can expect to pay approximately \$1.50 per month at the start of the program, rising to about \$10.50 per month once all the bonds are issued. This based on the levy on all real property in the City of San Diego that would fund the program, starting at approximately \$3.14 per \$100,000 in assessed value, and eventually reaching \$20.84 per \$100,000 in assessed value.

**What fiscal safeguards will be put in place?**

The bond program would be administered by the San Diego Housing Commission, which reports to the Housing Authority (City Council). The program would be subject to external, independent audits, with all activity overseen by a Citizens' Oversight Committee. Annual Plans for how bond funds will be used will be produced, as will Annual Reports which report that year's activity. Additionally, the measure requires funding to be used only for what matters most: preventing, reducing, and ending homelessness by producing affordable and permanent supportive housing.