

Measure H: Local Fire Prevention and Open Space by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority



On the November 5, 2024 ballot - Measure H: only for the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills between the 405 Freeway and Griffith

Measure H will enable the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority to:

- ✓ **Protect Local Open Space:** Preserve remaining open space and wildlife habitat from development.
- ✓ **Protect Water Quality:** Keep local creeks, springs, and reservoirs free from pollution and trash.
- ✓ **Ensure Public Safety:** Provide year-round park ranger safety and security patrols to prevent crime, arson, and vandalism in local parks, overlooks, and open spaces.
- ✓ **Support Wildlife Corridors:** Protect and maintain corridors essential for the survival of animals and wildlife like mountain lions, deer, bobcats, and grey foxes.
- ✓ **Enhance Fire Prevention:** Ensure fire safety with year-round brush clearing, park ranger patrols, and maintenance of irrigated green areas. Provide extra fire patrols on high risk days.
- ✓ **Remove Fire Hazards:** Clear illegal encampments from public spaces to reduce fire risks.

MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY - MEASURE H

Vote **YES** or **NO**

To preserve local habitat and wildlife corridors before they are lost to development, increase local fire prevention/protection services including clearing dry brush; maintain local open space, springs and creeks; enhance park ranger patrols for safety, wildfire and crime prevention; shall the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority measure renewing and establishing a \$65 special tax only for fifteen years be adopted, providing \$1,857,000 annually with independent citizen oversight and all money spent in the Santa Monica Mountains/Hollywood Hills east of 405 freeway? **Supporters:** Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) Chair; Hillside Federation Chairman; Friends of Griffith Park President
Opponents: None submitted.

YES on Measure H

NO on Measure H

“Three major blazes in the Southland have destroyed dozens of homes and strained firefighting resources.”

Los Angeles Times Sept. 12, 2024

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is the only public agency responsible for acquiring, maintaining, and protecting local open spaces and wildlife corridors within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The MRCA has historically relied on temporary, local funding measures to continue its operations, as it does not receive permanent, ongoing funding from local or state taxes. Without the renewal provided by Measure H, the MRCA's ability to protect these critical areas could be severely compromised, threatening both fire prevention efforts and wildlife protection.

For \$65 per year for 15 years only, Measure H will provide the MRCA with the necessary resources to continue local fire prevention and protection services and to safeguard local open space. These funds will help protect diverse wildlife, including mountain lions, bobcats, and deer, all of which rely on these habitats for survival.

100% of the funds generated by Measure H will be used exclusively within the Santa Monica Mountains and Hollywood Hills, from the 405 freeway to Griffith Park. A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits will ensure accountability.