

INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE PH

Preventing Wildfires and Protecting Natural Lands

Preserving and Protecting Local Open Space

The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority ("the Habitat Authority") manages approximately 3,886 acres of public open space, the Puente Hills Preserve, which includes Turnbull Canyon, Hacienda Hills, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon. The Habitat Authority works to assist with wildfire preparedness efforts and emergency response in its service area and contracts with three Rangers who provide patrol services.



Additional Funding to Meet Current Operations and Needs

The Habitat Authority currently faces an ongoing structural deficit. In order to maintain the financial health of the Habitat Authority, budgetary reductions have been made in recent years. Positions have been left unfunded and many services and programs have been cut.

Remaining program and service levels do not meet current needs, even as lengthening fire seasons and neighborhood safety concerns increase the need for services. Without an additional stable funding source, the Habitat Authority will be forced to make additional cuts, which could include eliminating Rangers and limiting access for individuals and families.

A Community Facilities District

In July, the Habitat Authority unanimously voted to form a legal entity called a Community Facilities District (CFD), which allowed the Habitat Authority to place Measure PH on the November 2024 general election ballot within the district's boundaries. Measure PH is a special tax of 1¢ per building square foot (about \$18 dollars a year for the average homeowner), with annual adjustments limited to 3%, until ended by voters. Key projects include:



Clearing brush from structures and emergency access roads for first responders



Protecting local natural lands by preventing and removing homeless encampments, vandalism and illegal dumping



Maintaining natural habitats, including the Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero and Powder Canyon



Maintaining park ranger patrols for fire safety, keeping our hills and trails safe and providing emergency response

Strict Accountability Required

Measure PH will include strict fiscal accountability provisions, including:

- All funds would be locally controlled and could not be taken by the State or used for other purposes
- Annual audits and public financial disclosures would ensure proper use of funds



Proposed CFD area

The CFD boundary includes the entirety of the cities of Whittier and La Habra Heights as well as part of the communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights and Workman Mill.



