

The Stockton City Council has approved placing five ballot measures on the November 8, 2016, General Election ballot: Measures M, N, O, P and Q. Amendments to the City's Charter and changes to taxes must be approved by the voters. Charter Amendments and other changes require approval of over 50% of voters. Measure M is a special tax that requires approval by 2/3 of voters.

**Measure M** was recommended by citizens who recognized the City of Stockton has fewer library and recreation programs and facilities than most cities in California, and many issues facing the community, such as crime and educational achievement levels, are directly related to a lack of these services.

During Stockton's fiscal crisis and bankruptcy, library hours were reduced by 48%; a library branch was closed; Community Center hours were reduced by 20%; two pools were closed; and library and recreation full-time staff were reduced by 50%.

Measure M proposes a restricted 1/4 of a cent sales tax estimated to generate approximately \$9 million annually for 16 years. Measure M funds can only be used for library and recreation services. Measure M will have a citizen oversight committee that will ensure all funds are only used to provide library and recreation services in the city of Stockton. These funds cannot be taken by the State and cannot be used for any other purpose.

If approved by 2/3 of voters, Measure M will focus on the following:

- **Increase Library and Community Center Hours**
  - Provide services at Libraries and Community Centers six days per week, including the Fair Oaks Library and other underserved areas
  - Open more evening hours to provide safe, free, family recreation and library programs, including public computer access and wi-fi connectivity
- **Support Literacy and Children's Storytimes**
  - Expand storytimes at Libraries and Community Centers
  - Expand literacy programs to help kids and families succeed
  - Improve library collections and technology to give children and families opportunities to learn
- **Provide Safe After-School and Summer Programs for Youth**
  - Increase free after-school programs at Libraries and Community Centers
  - Open homework centers at Libraries and Community Centers to help students improve in school
  - Provide science, technology, engineering, and math programs for all ages
- **Expand Sports Programs and Recreation Programs**
  - Improve sports fields throughout the City for use by children and adults
  - Modernize and repair City pools and aquatics programs
  - Provide more sports and recreation programs on evenings and weekends
  - Establish a new regional sports facility
- **Offer More Free and Low Cost Cultural Arts Programs**
  - Restore arts classes to City programs
  - Feature more free local arts programming
  - Provide diverse local performances

**Measures N and O** propose Charter changes. The Stockton City Charter is a set of governing laws that allows the City to adopt local ordinances and codes to meet the needs of the City. These Charter changes were proposed by a Charter Review Advisory Commission, comprised of citizens, to modernize, update and clarify language, and adapt to changing conditions.

**Measures P and Q** propose changes to the Stockton Municipal Code. The Municipal Code includes local laws and ordinances that have been adopted by the Stockton City Council. Changes to the Municipal Code can be made by approval of City Council, except tax increases, such as the sales tax and business license tax. These Municipal Code changes were proposed by community members and other interested parties.

For additional information, please visit the City of Stockton website [www.stocktonca.gov/ballotmeasures](http://www.stocktonca.gov/ballotmeasures) or call (209) 937-8827.

**Measure N** changes the City’s Charter to comply with State law regarding Council elections, changes the redistricting process after each U.S. Census, and clarifies term limits.

- **Complies with State Law for Council District Elections**
  - Council candidates are currently nominated in the primary election by voters within a Council District and elected in the general election by voters of entire City
  - Allows voters within a Council District to nominate and elect their Councilmember, in compliance with State law
- **Establishes Redistricting Standards and Changes Process**
  - Adopts standards for drawing new Council District boundaries as population increases
  - Establishes Advisory Commission to recommend Council District boundary changes, following each U.S. Census, every 10 years
  - Requires Council hold a public hearing to approve, modify, or reject Advisory Commission changes
- **Updates and Clarifies Term Limits Language**
  - Does not change current term limits
  - Adds clarifying language and punctuation to state that a person elected to serve as Mayor is limited to two terms as Mayor, and a person elected to serve as Councilmember is limited to two terms as Councilmember

**Measure P** proposes lifting the current ban on and expanding the number of medical marijuana dispensaries and allowing for medical marijuana cultivation businesses, with restrictions, including distance from sensitive uses, such as other medical cannabis (marijuana) businesses, residential zones, schools, childcare centers, religious facilities, or drug treatment facilities.

- **Allows and Expands Medical Marijuana Dispensaries**
  - Overturns current ban on medical cannabis (marijuana) dispensaries
  - Allows up to 4 medical cannabis dispensaries in certain commercial and industrial zones
  - Imposes restrictions and requires separation of location and ownership/operation from other medical cannabis cultivation businesses and other sensitive uses
  - Requires use permit, operators permit, permits for all employees, and approval by Chief of Police
- **Allows Medical Marijuana Cultivation Businesses**
  - Allows up to 4 medical cannabis (marijuana) cultivation business locations in industrial zones
  - Imposes restrictions and requires separation of location and ownership/operation from other medical cannabis dispensary businesses and other sensitive uses
  - Requires use permit, operators permit, permits for all employees, and approval by Chief of Police

**Measure O** proposes changes to the City Charter to address fiscal matters, compensation for Council, and the Mayor’s powers and duties.

- **Changes to Financial Reporting, Budget and Audit; Requires Reserve Policy**
  - Requires Council to adopt a fiscal reserve policy to protect City’s fiscal solvency
  - Instructs City Manager to prepare a five-year economic forecast, propose an annual budget by May 15, and publish the proposed budget 10 days prior to public hearing
  - Provides City Manager responsibility and authority for the annual budget and Capital Improvement Plan adopted by Council
  - Updates requirement for “independent” audit by certified public accountants
  - Requires posting of annual financial statements and audit to the website
  - Allows notice of street address for City-owned Real Property transactions
- **Modifies Council Salary Setting Commission Schedule**
  - Changes Council Salary Setting Commission to meet in odd-numbered years to consider Councilmembers’ salaries for two-year period
  - Establishes meeting in Mayoral-election year to set Mayor’s salary for the full term of 4 years
  - Requires Mayor earn higher salary than Councilmembers
- **Expands Powers and Duties of the Mayor**
  - Provides funding and authority for the Mayor to hire at least 3 positions for Mayor’s office, including a Public Information Officer
  - Permits Mayor and Vice Mayor appointment to boards, commissions, and committees

**Measure Q** proposes increasing the business license tax for medical cannabis (marijuana) businesses and adding a business license tax for non-medical/recreational marijuana.

- **Increases Medical Cannabis Business License Tax**
  - Allows the City Council to raise or lower the business license tax within a range of \$35–\$50, per \$1,000 in gross sales receipts of medical cannabis (marijuana)
- **Authorizes Business License Tax for Non-Medical Marijuana**
  - Should State or Federal law change to allow non-medical marijuana uses, provides for a tax of \$50 per \$1,000 in gross sales receipts of marijuana-related businesses

**For more information, please visit:**

Measure M – [www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureM](http://www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureM)  
Measure N – [www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureN](http://www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureN)  
Measure O – [www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureO](http://www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureO)  
Measure P – [www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureP](http://www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureP)  
Measure Q – [www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureQ](http://www.stocktonca.gov/MeasureQ)