



# CITY OF INDIO

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHAT SERVICES DOES DESERT RECREATION DISTRICT PROVIDE IN INDIO?**

Desert Recreation District (DRD) is the largest parks and recreation district in California and serves communities throughout the Coachella Valley. In the City of Indio, DRD manages over 14 parks and recreational facilities and creates and delivers quality programs, services and classes for local children, teens, families and seniors.

### **HOW IS DRD PLANNING TO IMPROVE PARKS AND RECREATION IN INDIO?**

Indio's 14 parks serve tens of thousands of residents annually but many parks and recreational facilities are aging and in need of updates and repairs. To keep Indio's parks safe, clean and well-maintained places for children to play, additional locally controlled funding is needed. The DRD Board of Directors is considering placing a local funding measure on the upcoming November 2022 ballot.

### **HOW WOULD DEDICATED LOCAL FUNDING HELP PROTECT AND MAINTAIN INDIO'S PARKS?**

A local funding measure would provide a dedicated, locally controlled source of revenue to:

- Maintain safe places for children to play
- Maintain after-school and summer programs serving at-risk youth and teens to keep them safe and out of trouble
- Maintain gang prevention programs
- Ensure Indio's recreational facilities are well-maintained, clean and safe
- Ensure safe drinking water at recreational facilities
- Continue meals for low-income seniors
- Replace aging gas, water and sewer lines at parks and recreational facilities
- Help address homelessness in local parks

### **HOW MUCH WOULD A MEASURE COST?**

If approved by voters, a local funding measure to protect and maintain Indio's parks and recreation services would cost property owners 7¢ per square foot of improved property on single-family residential units annually or about \$112 for the typical local homeowner.

### **WHAT IF I CANNOT AFFORD THE COST OF THE MEASURE?**

Exemptions from the cost of the measure would be available for low-income seniors to ensure the cost is not a burden to those on limited or fixed incomes.

### **COULD THE STATE CUT OR TAKE FUNDING FROM A LOCAL MEASURE?**

No. By law, revenue from a local funding measure could not be taken by the State. All funding generated by the measure must stay here in Indio for parks and recreation only.

### **HOW CAN I BE SURE FUNDS WOULD BE SPENT AS PROMISED?**

The measure would require fiscal accountability protections, including independent citizens' oversight, mandatory financial audits, and yearly reports to the community. By law, all funds must be spent on local parks and recreation programs, and none of the money can be used for administrator salaries or pensions.

### **HOW LONG WOULD THE TAX MEASURE LAST?**

The proposed funding measure would last until it is ended by voters, ensuring that DRD has the revenue needed to maintain well-maintained, safe and clean neighborhood parks and facilities.

### **HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?**

As DRD plans for the future of parks and recreation in Indio, we welcome your feedback and questions. To share feedback on local priorities, complete DRD's survey at [tinyurl.com/DRD-Indio-Survey](https://tinyurl.com/DRD-Indio-Survey). For more information or to ask questions please contact DRD General Manager Kevin Kalman at [kkalman@drd.us.com](mailto:kkalman@drd.us.com) or (760) 347-3484.