

MEASURE Z

Fact Sheet

The Kids First Funding Amendment

What is Measure Z?

Measure Z: Kids First Funding Amendment is on the June 2, 2026, Primary Election ballot. It changes how Measure Y is funded so the City of Pomona can continue providing youth services without having to make further severe cuts to public safety, public works and community services.

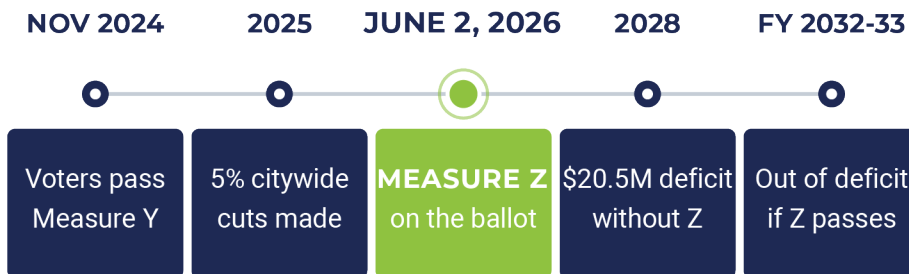
Voters approved Measure Y in November 2024. It created a new Department of Children and Youth, funded by up to 10% of the city's General Fund – the main part of the city budget that pays for police, fire, parks, streets, and other day-to-day services. The mandatory contribution has caused a critical budget deficit for Pomona. Measure Z addresses that problem.

What City services are at risk due to Measure Y funding mandate?

Measure Y was approved directly by voters as a change to the City Charter, which is Pomona's governing document. With the passing of Measure Y, Pomona now has a budget deficit that will continue to grow.

In the next fiscal year, this budget deficit will force further cuts to essential city services such as police, fire, parks, streets and some existing youth programs. In fact, a 5% across-the-board cut to city services has already been made to meet Measure Y's current funding structure. By 2028, when Measure Y's required contribution reaches 7% of the General Fund, the city would face a budget shortfall of more than \$20.5 million – at which point the City of Pomona could face insolvency.

MEASURE Y & MEASURE Z: KEY DATES



At a Glance

On the ballot: June 2, 2026 Primary Election

What it does: Changes how Measure Y is funded

Funding source: Shifts from General Fund to portion of local sales and use tax

What stays the same: Measure Y programs and purpose

Approval required: Simple majority

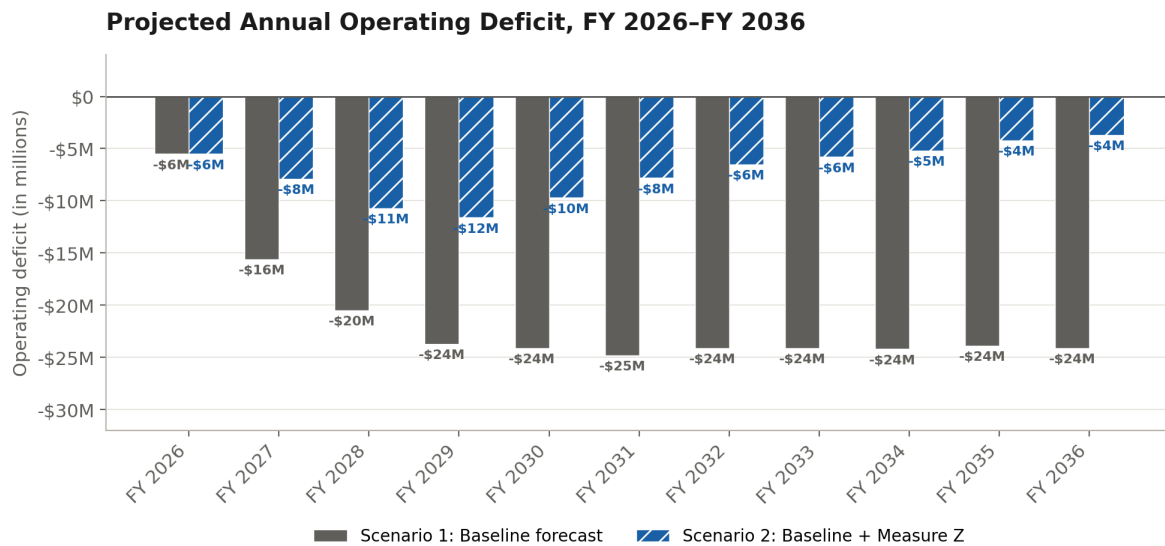
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A Closer Look at Measure Y and Measure Z Budget Impacts

The graph below shows two operating deficits. Scenario #1 shows the impact of Measure Y staying as is plus a new fire contract. Scenario #2 shows the new fire contract with the proposed Measure Z implemented.



Source: City of Pomona 10-year General Fund forecast. Each bar shows the gap between revenue and spending for that year.

How would Measure Z ensure Measure Y's Promise?

Measure Z honors the promise of Measure Y with a funding approach that protects both youth programs and essential city services. It does this by changing the source of Measure Y's funding. Instead of drawing from the General Fund, it would be funding by a portion of California's local one-cent sales and use tax, which is a dedicated revenue source that Pomona can use for essential services. If approved, this shift would move the City out of deficit budgets caused by Measure Y by fiscal year 2032-2033.

Other than shifting the funding source and making necessary legal clarifications, Measure Z would not change Measure Y.

How would Measure Z affect funding for youth programs?

Under Measure Z, approximately \$2.5 to \$3.0 million per year would go to youth programming identified by Measure Y. This will be added to the \$17 million per year already in the city budget that goes toward youth programming. Additionally, \$9 million already reserved for Measure Y would be protected.

While Measure Z funding is less than the amount of money that Measure Y would draw at its existing funding structure, it would not come at the expense of the city facing insolvency in 2029. To find out more about Measure Z, visit PomonaCA.gov/MeasureZ or call 909-620-2311.



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