

# San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District — Measure Q

## A Community Hospital Built for Emergency Care

For 75 years, the San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District has provided essential healthcare and emergency services to the community. As part of its ongoing commitment to modernize and better reflect its full range of services, Mountains Community Hospital has updated its name to Mountains Community Health. Mountains Community Health remains a public district hospital owned by the community, not a large corporation, and funds are reinvested locally. As a designated Critical Access Hospital, it is the only emergency room within 45 minutes for many residents and visitors.

## Aging Facilities Need Major Upgrades

Mountains Community Health is the only emergency care provider for many residents and visitors. Since 2014, emergency room visits have increased by 35% and are expected to continue to grow. Built in 1951, the hospital is outdated and does not meet current health, safety, disability access, or seismic standards. The current emergency room is undersized and lacks sufficient space to serve trauma patients, and the mountain community can be cut off from outside help during major fires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters.

## Modernizing Care and Disaster Readiness

Mountains Community Health has secured a USDA loan that will help pay for a portion of needed hospital upgrades, including an emergency room expansion. Because the USDA loan would require repayment over several years and would not cover all needed updates, the Board of Directors has voted to place a bond measure, Measure Q, on the November 2026 ballot that would help repay the loan and bridge the funding gap. Measure Q would cost property owners no more than \$25 per \$100,000 of assessed, not market, value annually for as long as bonds are outstanding. Assessed value is determined by the San Bernadino County Assessor and is often much closer to the original purchase price of the home than to the current market value.

Measure Q would help Mountains Community Health with:



**Disaster Readiness:** Upgrading the hospital to remain fully functional during natural disasters, even if cut off from external utilities



**Emergency Room Expansion:** Building a new emergency room and inpatient care unit for better patient privacy and modern medical care



**Modern Technology:** Building a new hospital wing with adequate electrical and plumbing to support advanced medical equipment and future technologies



**Legal Compliance:** Retrofitting the 1951 building to meet mandatory earthquake safety and disability access standards to prevent legally required closure



**Skilled Nursing and Outpatient Care:** Expanding our skilled nursing facility and outpatient care services to ensure that local residents needing these services can stay close to home

## Local Control, Oversight, and Public Reporting



Independent citizens' oversight would help ensure Measure Q funds are spent as voters intended



Annual public disclosure and independent audits would keep the community informed about how funds are spent



All funds would stay in the community to improve the hospital, and, by law, no funds could be taken by the County or State or used for other purposes

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