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Argument in favor of Measure H

- Yes on H means advancing our lead in climate change commitments.

A proven climate change leader, Arcata preserved the Arcata Marsh, Redwood Community Forest, and 816.7 acres of open space to protect against sea-level rise. Arcata's energy programs, commitment to alternative transportation and a green fleet, water quality efforts in creeks and streams, exemplary community forest management and support for the Regional Climate Action Plan require investments so Arcata can continue to lead in these areas.

- Yes on H maintains our local parks, trails and high-quality play spaces.

Arcata successfully receives grants for new parks, trails, and recreation facilities. However, little funding supports the ongoing maintenance needs of these assets and seed funding for new acquisitions.

- Yes on H saves non-police public safety response.

Measure H funds are needed to continue the effective alternatives to traditional police response currently funded with expiring one-time money. Juvenile Diversion Counselors provide youth who commit crimes an alternative to the juvenile justice system through contracts developed with the youth to make amends and by providing support for the family. Community Ambassadors offer a non-threatening resource and presence downtown. Their success reduced calls for police service by more than 20%, including calls for disturbing the peace and drunk in public. The City's mental health professionals respond to those in crisis in a humane, non-intimidating manner. Without Measure H, these programs are without continued funding.

Measure H is not charged for your groceries, prescription medications, services, or rent, limiting the impact on residents.

Measure H ensures visitors, tourists, students, and governmental agencies (including Cal Poly) all share the costs of supporting programs we value.

Measure H has built-in oversight including an Independent Citizen's Committee, annual audits required by law, and all funds must be spent locally.

Factual information: www.cityofarcata.org/measure-h

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