

VOTE YES ON MEASURE R FOR TREATMENT + ACCOUNTABILITY

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors support Measure R, the Treatment + Accountability Measure adding another tool to San Joaquin County's efforts to address the deadly drug use that is creating serious public safety hazards and fueling an overdose crisis on our streets.

Two to three people a week are dying of overdoses from Fentanyl and other deadly drugs in San Joaquin County. These are sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters. Offers of treatment without accountability are not enough. **We must do more to get people into treatment and save lives.**

But under current state law, San Joaquin County lacks tools to compel people into treatment. The County deploys street teams to offer voluntary services and connections to treatment. While some people do accept help, many do not, being unwilling or unable to do so.

Measure R would allow the County to require single adults with substance abuse to participate in treatment in order to continue receiving cash assistance from San Joaquin County.

Applicants will be offered substance use treatment if they are deemed to have a substance abuse condition. These treatment programs include a range of interventions, such as: residential treatment, medical detox, medically assisted treatment, outpatient options, and abstinence-based treatment, depending on the needs of the client.

Right now, San Joaquin County serves over 2,600 people with medication assisted treatment through medications like buprenorphine and methadone. Today, San Joaquin County can sign people up the same day they apply to one of these programs.

Measure R strikes the right balance between compassion and accountability, to ensure that substance abuse treatment is accepted more often than it is declined.

Vote YES on Measure R for compassion and accountability.

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