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# FAQs for community

**Q: What is Measure X?**

A: Measure X is a proposition that will be on the Nov. 8 ballot asking voters to approve a new 30-year lease between Adventist Health and the Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District. A “YES” vote for the measure ensures that Adventist Health will construct —at no cost to the taxpayer — a new, state-of-the-art outpatient pavilion to provide primary care services, specialty care services, dentistry and behavioral health care.

**Q: What will the new lease term be?**

A: Adventist Health currently holds a 30-year lease with the Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District that expires in 2046. If voters approve Measure X, that lease would be extended for an additional six years and expire in 2052.

**Q: Why is it necessary to extend the lease to build an outpatient pavilion?**

A: The no-cost lease extension would cover the costs of building the outpatient pavilion, estimated at about \$8 million.

**Q: Will Measure X cost taxpayers money?**

A: No. A “YES” vote on Measure X will have no financial impact on taxpayers.

**Q: Why should voters extend the lease to Adventist Health?**

A: Our community deserves the highest quality care available in state-of-the-art facilities. Voting “YES” on Measure X enables Adventist Health to continue elevating the healthcare experience in our community through the construction of a new 10,000 square-foot outpatient pavilion on its campus.

**Q: What happens if voters don’t approve Measure X?**

A: If voters don’t approve Measure X, Adventist Health will maintain its lease for the originally agreed-upon 30-year term, expiring in 2046, and will not build a new outpatient pavilion for primary care services.

**Q: Why is an outpatient pavilion necessary?**

A: Our community is growing. In 2010, Tehachapi’s population totaled about 55,000 people. By 2030, it’s projected to grow to more than 65,000, outpacing national averages.

Every one of our residents deserve high-quality healthcare close to home in a state-of-the-art facility worthy of their care. Currently, primary care services are being delivered in a one-bedroom house in downtown Tehachapi adjacent to the old hospital site. The size of that home limits the number of patients seen, how quickly we can schedule appointments and the scope of services we can provide.

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Constructing a new 10,000-square-foot outpatient pavilion would ensure our community's access to essential healthcare services in town.

**Q: What kinds of services would the outpatient pavilion include?**

A: A new, 10,000-square foot outpatient pavilion would be able to accommodate five primary care providers; rotating specialists, including general surgeons, orthopedics, gastroenterologists and podiatrists; a dental office; social workers; and behavioral healthcare service providers.

**Q: Are taxpayers responsible for the costs of construction of the outpatient pavilion?**

A: No. The outpatient pavilion is being financed through a combination of Adventist Health capital and charitable donations made to the Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley Foundation.

**Q: Where would the outpatient pavilion be constructed?**

A: The outpatient pavilion is planned for construction on an empty plot of land on the west end of our hospital campus at 1100 Magellan Drive.

**Q: When would the outpatient pavilion open?**

A: If voters approve Measure X, we anticipate breaking ground soon after election day and opening in Fall 2024.