

# **Tri-City Healthcare District • Tri-City Medical Center**

*Regarding the June 2026 Ballot Measure Seeking Voter Authorization to Establish a New Tri-City Medical Center & Sharp HealthCare Partnership*



## **FAQ | Measure H Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **What is Measure H asking voters to decide?**

Measure H seeks voter authorization to allow **Tri-City Healthcare District**, the operator of **Tri-City Medical Center (TCMC)**, and **Sharp HealthCare** to enter into a 30-year partnership and lease agreement to improve LOCAL ACCESS to high-quality emergency medical and health care services in North County.

### **Who are the two organizations proposing to form this partnership?**

- **Tri-City Healthcare District** is the locally-controlled public hospital district governed by a locally-elected 7-member Board of Directors, and the operator of **Tri-City Medical Center** in Oceanside. The Medical Center provides full-service emergency medical and acute health care services to local residents, with more than 500 physicians practicing in over 60 specialty areas. Learn more at: [www.tricitymed.org/about-us/](http://www.tricitymed.org/about-us/)
- **Sharp HealthCare** is a not-for-profit integrated health care system that operates four acute-care hospitals and five specialty hospitals. Sharp has three affiliated medical groups, a health plan, and medical offices throughout San Diego County. Learn more at: [www.sharp.com/about](http://www.sharp.com/about)

### **When exactly is Measure H headed to the ballot? When is the election?**

The election for Measure H will appear on the June 2, 2026, local ballot in San Diego County. Ballots for this election will be mailed by the San Diego County Registrar of Voters around the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Who is eligible to vote?**

Anyone registered to vote within the Tri-City Healthcare District will be eligible to vote on Measure H. The District's boundaries primarily cover most if not, all the communities of Oceanside, Carlsbad and Vista, plus a few small areas adjacent to those communities in Northern San Diego County. All registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail to vote in this election shortly after ballots mail around the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote in this election is May 18, 2026.

### **What is the 75-Word Ballot Question summarizing Measure H?**

The 75-word Ballot Question summarizing Measure H reads as follows:

*“In order to improve medical and emergency healthcare services, and the quality of patient care, upgrade medical technologies and equipment, and expand access to medical treatments at Tri-City Medical Center (at no additional cost to taxpayers), shall Tri-City Healthcare District enter into an affiliation and lease agreement with the nonprofit corporation operated by Sharp HealthCare for the operation of Tri-City Medical Center in accordance with Resolution No. 829 of the District’s Board of Directors?”*

### **Is this a tax? What is the tax impact of Measure H on local taxpayers?**

No, Measure H is not a tax. There is NO taxing authority associated with this ballot measure.

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## **Why is Measure H on the ballot?**

For 65 years, victims of heart attacks, strokes and other medical emergencies in Oceanside, Carlsbad, Vista and surrounding areas have relied on **Tri-City Medical Center** for life-saving emergency medical and hospital services. In 2025 alone, TCMC recorded 48,204 visits to our Emergency Room. Also in 2025, only one hospital in all of San Diego County - Tri-City Medical Center - performed at the American Heart Association's gold standard level or higher for BOTH heart attack and stroke care. Particularly in life-threatening medical emergencies when every minute counts, Tri-City Medical Center saves lives.

However, even with these contributions, Tri-City Medical Center's long-term future, like many community hospitals across the state and nation, is not guaranteed. In fact, recent changes in the health care industry and its competitive environment have forced hospitals to adapt in order to ensure fiscal stability, continuity of services, and for some, simply to stay open. In our case, it was our Board of Directors taking a decisive step to protect Tri-City Medical Center's future, that voted unanimously last December to pursue a partnership with Sharp HealthCare. Now, voter authorization is required by law for the partnership to move forward and take effect.

## **What will Measure H do if voters approve it?**

Pending voter approval, passage of Measure H will:

- Obtain voter authorization allowing this partnership and affiliation to move forward
- Facilitate replacement of aging equipment with the latest advanced medical technologies
- Enable Sharp to invest \$100+ million to repair and upgrade Tri-City Medical Center facilities
- Increase the quality and variety of health care treatments offered locally in North County
- Consider restoring previously eliminated health care services
- Attract and retain high-quality Tri-City Medical Center doctors, nurses and medical specialists

## **Is Sharp purchasing Tri-City Medical Center?**

No. Pending voter approval of Measure H, Sharp will operate Tri-City Medical Center through a 30-year lease. This arrangement is similar to Sharp's long-term partnership with the Grossmont Healthcare District to operate Sharp Grossmont Hospital. Since that affiliation began in 1991, Sharp Grossmont has grown to become one of the largest providers of comprehensive health care services in San Diego County. The latest example of this is the Sharp Grossmont Hospital for Neuroscience, which opened in 2025 as the first center of its kind in the county for advanced neurosurgical, neurological and orthopedic-spine care.

If voters approve Measure H, in addition to assuming the operating responsibility of Tri-City Medical Center, Sharp would also assume the District's liabilities and debt, along with financial commitments toward service line development, growth, infrastructure, deferred maintenance and capital projects.

## **What will the financial impact of Measure H be on our community?**

Pending voter approval, the greatest impact will be carried by Sharp HealthCare. Sharp has been a partner to other San Diego County hospitals, including Sharp Grossmont Hospital, investing more than \$1 billion to repair aging hospital facilities and improve local access to medical services and specialties. Passage of Measure H will enable Sharp to invest \$100+ million to repair and upgrade Tri-City Medical Center hospital facilities. Upgrading and expanding local access to health care facilities, programs and services will help contribute to the local quality of life and help maintain property values in North County.

**What if voters don't approve Measure H?**

Continuing the status quo at Tri-City Medical Center without the proposed partnership with Sharp will risk increasing uncertainty and instability. This could impact Tri-City's ability to provide emergency medical and acute health care services to the North County community. Without Measure H, local residents may need to continue driving farther to address their critical health care and medical emergency needs.

**How will this partnership benefit Sharp?**

Sharp's expansion into North County will allow Sharp to operate on a broader scale and improve efficiencies while maintaining high-quality, coordinated, and person-centered care.

**If voters approve Measure H, when will the partnership take effect?**

Pending voter approval, the partnership is expected to take effect on July 1, 2026, after County officials certify the Measure H election results.

**If Measure H passes, will Tri-City Medical Center still be a Community Hospital?**

Yes. Pending passage of Measure H, Tri-City Medical Center will still be a community hospital, dedicated to serving North County residents and their communities.

**Where can I get more information?**

To learn more about **Tri-City Healthcare District and/or Tri-City Medical Center**, visit: [www.tricitymed.org/about-us/](http://www.tricitymed.org/about-us/)

To learn more about **Sharp HealthCare**, visit [www.sharp.com/about](http://www.sharp.com/about)

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