

# A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR VALLEJO

**Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) helps contribute to the quality of our community by providing parks, trails, pools, and programs for children, at risk youth, families and seniors.** GVRD is an independent agency that is separate from the City of Vallejo.

**Budget cuts have impacted GVRD's ability to maintain existing programs.** Over the past three years, GVRD has been forced to cut \$2 million, or 30% of its budget. This forced a reduction in the number of employees, furlough days, the elimination of scholarship programs for at-risk youth and the reduction of public restroom availability, reduced garbage pick up and park maintenance.

**Stable local funding is needed to protect critical services for teens and seniors in Vallejo.** If additional funding is not secured, GVRD may be forced to:

- Close many local parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities and restrooms
- Reduce or eliminate after school and weekend programs that keep youth off the streets
- Reduce or eliminate programs that help seniors on fixed incomes interact with others, stay active and remain independent
- Leave damage and graffiti on parks and playgrounds unrepaired
- Eliminate sports programs for teenagers and adults
- Suspend maintenance, care and administration of some parks
- Reduce garbage pickups at parks and recreation facilities
- Close Cunningham Pool



**GVRD is considering placing a local funding measure on the ballot this spring to protect essential programs and facilities for our community.** Although no final decisions have been made, GVRD is considering placing a local funding measure on the ballot to provide stable local funding that will directly support local parks and recreation facilities and services. None of the funds could be taken away by the City of Vallejo or the State. If passed, the local measure would:

- Maintain after school and weekend educational programs for children
- Provide programs to help keep at-risk youth off the streets
- Protect programs that allow seniors on fixed incomes to interact with others, stay active, and remain independent
- Keep our parks, recreation facilities, pool and playgrounds open, clean and safe

**Accountability provisions would ensure all funds are spent appropriately and stay local.** All funds would stay in our community to support parks, recreation facilities and programs in Vallejo. None of the funds could be taken away by the State or by the City of Vallejo. None of the funds would go toward administrators or salary increases. GVRD would be required to develop an annual spending plan for the funds, report to the public and receive input. Seniors would be eligible for an exemption and the measure will sunset in 6 years.

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

No final decisions have been made and we welcome your comments and questions as we review our program priorities and budget options. Please contact us at [electioninfo@gvrd.org](mailto:electioninfo@gvrd.org) or 707-648-4600 x0.

