



CITY COUNCIL PLACES CITY OF YUCAIPA PUBLIC SAFETY/ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2024 BALLOT

Measure Would Provide Source of Locally Controlled Funds to Address Safety Needs and Prevent Service Cuts

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(Yucaipa, CA) – The Yucaipa City Council voted on Monday to place the City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure on the November 2024 ballot.

If approved by Yucaipa voters, the measure would enact a 1-cent local sales tax until ended by voters, providing a stable source of locally controlled funds to prevent millions of dollars in planned service cuts to police, fire, emergency response, and quality of life services.

“Because the City runs so lean, and the increased need for services has grown year over year, the City cannot cut more without impacting basic services, including public safety, which comprises 63% of our budget” said City Manager Chris Mann. “The funding this measure would provide would allow the City to avoid deep cuts to 911 emergency medical response, fire and police personnel, prevent the City from closing a fire station, the senior center and the swimming pool, and maintain other basic local services that keep our City a great place to live, work, and raise a family.”

The City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure was placed on the ballot following significant community engagement with local residents, who consistently showed a preference for not cutting police, fire, medical response, and youth/senior program funding. The City Council adopted a concurrent resolution upon placing the measure on the ballot stating their intention to use the majority of the money to prevent cuts to public safety services.

“We had a choice of making drastic cuts including reducing the number of police officers patrolling our streets, closing a fire station and reducing the number of fire and paramedic personnel by 30%, closing the senior center and swimming pool, and eliminating most of our youth and senior programs, or to give our voters the opportunity to consider providing our community with local funding that the state cannot touch” continued Mann. “With today’s action, the Council has elected to allow the community to decide. We encourage all eligible Yucaipa residents to participate in the upcoming November election.”

The City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure includes strict fiscal accountability provisions, including a citizen oversight committee, public disclosure of all spending and annual independent financial audits. No measure funds can be taken by the county, state, or federal governments.

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