## **BUY WHITTIER POLICY**

## Did you know the City of Whittier has a Buy Whittier Policy?

In an effort to support the City's local business economy, promote good relations with the business community and increase the City's revenue from local sales tax, the City Council adopted a 1% local preference "Buy Whittier" policy in 2007. On April 28, 2009, Council approved an increase on the local preference from 1% to 2%.

It is the intention of the City to place as many City procurements with local Whittier suppliers as feasible. All City staff will make a concerted effort to give Whittier businesses an opportunity to participate in all procurements for goods and services. All other previously established Purchasing Guidelines will remain in effect.

 A 2% local preference may be applied to Whittier businesses. If a Whittier business is within 2% of the lowest price or bid then, under this policy, the service or purchase shall be made from the Whittier business.

Exceptions to this policy may be made when goods are purchased through a government contract agreement that would provide a significant discount to the City.

For more information on the City's Purchasing Guidelines, contact the City Controller's Office at (562) 567-9810.



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