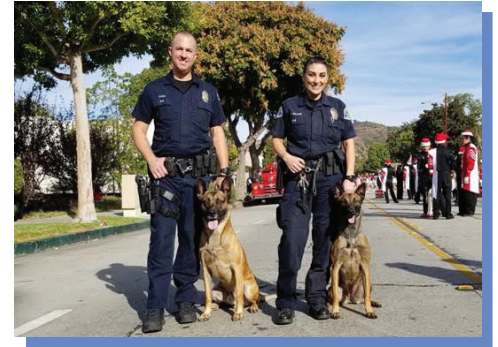




Information about a Public Safety and City Services Measure

The City of Whittier is not just any city. It is a community rich with traditions, history, and a strong sense of heritage that honors its diversity while protecting and preserving landmark structures unique to our city.

Residents take great pride in Whittier's small-town feel because of our commitment to offering a better quality of life, enrichment opportunities for our youth and teens, responsive public works crews, and local police who work tirelessly to keep our community safe.



Protecting Our Quality of Life






Whittier strives to be fiscally responsible while successfully providing City services that our residents need. However, since the recession in 2008, the City has received less revenue including \$8 million in cuts when the State eliminated redevelopment funding in 2012.

At the same time, state laws and mandates, particularly in regard to unfunded pension liabilities and early prisoner releases, have dramatically increased costs to the City. The City is facing a projected cumulative budget deficit of nearly \$19 million over the next 5 years, potentially requiring cuts to the police force, City services, and the frequency of road maintenance.

Local Funding to Keep Whittier Safe, Clean, and Well-Maintained

Our City's first priority is maintaining the quality of life and public safety of all our residents, while remaining committed to long-term financial stability. To provide stable, local funding to meet these needs, the Whittier City Council has voted to place a three-quarter cent Neighborhood Safety and Community Service transaction and use tax, commonly known as a sales tax, on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

If approved by a majority of voters, this locally-controlled funding could:

-  Hire and retain police personnel to reduce crime, gang, drug, and graffiti activity on our streets
-  Address homelessness in our community
-  Fund senior, youth, and after school programs
-  Maintain streets and sidewalks, and keep parks and other public areas clean and safe
-  Provide quick responses to 9-1-1 emergencies

Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

All funds from the measure will be used solely to fund City services here in Whittier. Funds will be controlled by the City, and cannot be taken away by the State or the County. Independent audits would guarantee all funds are spent in accordance with the law. This measure would not be applied to the sale of most groceries or prescription medicine.

We Want to Hear From You

We want your input on how to keep Whittier a safe and desirable place to live. Contact us at PublicInfo@CityofWhittier.org or visit www.CityofWhittier.org/PotentialBallotMeasure for more information.