

Thanks to our essential city services and educational, cultural and social programs, the City of Santa Fe Springs provides an excellent quality of life. We are proud that a recent community survey indicated that 78% of Santa Fe Springs residents rate our city as having a better quality of life than nearby communities.

Impact of State Budget Cuts on Santa Fe Springs

Since 2012, the State has cut over \$32 million in city funds, putting our essential city services at risk. The City is currently facing a \$5 million budget deficit that is expected to grow to \$12 million in the next six years. Significant cuts will have to be made to Fire Department and police services, senior services, education programs and may impact community events, like our 4th of July event.

Challenges Facing Our City

Last year, over 80% of the more than 4,000 calls Santa Fe Springs firefighters and paramedics responded to required medical attention. The response times to these 911 calls are critical so people can receive the immediate care they need.

Despite the budget deficit, the City is doing everything possible to protect our essential services. We want to protect our senior citizen programs, such as transit services, and health, recreation and education programs. We also want to protect our anti-gang, anti-drug prevention programs, and after-school tutoring and mentoring programs that keep local kids off the streets and engaged in positive activities.

The City's infrastructure is also in need of repair and upgrades, potholes need to be fixed and many roads are in need of repaving. Water supply systems also require improvements to protect the local water supply.

Protecting Neighborhood Safety and Essential City Services

Our City's first priority is maintaining our quality of life and the essential city services our residents depend upon. In order to provide stable, local funding to meet these needs, the Santa Fe Springs City Council unanimously voted to place Measure Y, a one-cent sales tax measure, on the November 2018 ballot.

If approved by a majority of local voters, Measure Y would:

- Retain the current number of police officers patrolling neighborhoods, parks and schools and continue proactive policing to prevent crime
- Preserve current firefighter and paramedic staffing levels and upgrade equipment
- Maintain 911 emergency response times
- Maintain local city streets and intersections to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion and flooding
- Continue youth anti-gang and anti-drug prevention programs and after-school recreation programs

Transparency and Public Oversight

Measure Y would require strict accountability requirements to ensure transparency and public oversight. Local control and independent annual audits would ensure all funds are used in Santa Fe Springs, as voters intended. By law, no money could be taken away by the State or the County. Measure Y would not be applied to groceries or prescription medicine.



We Want to Hear from You

We want to know your priorities for our City. For more information, please visit www.SantaFeSprings.org/InfoOnMeasureY or call (562) 409-7582.