



**Community Outreach  
and  
Engagement**  
*Fiscal Sustainability Plan*

# What Is The Issue?

The City of Fountain Valley is proud of its quality of life services and its strong fiscal accountability. However, like most other California cities, Sacramento continues to raid city coffers to balance its own budget. Sacramento has taken over \$116 million from Fountain Valley residents.

Did you know that the City of Fountain Valley has been running a deficit 6 out of the last 8 years?

- The 2015-16 City Budget had a \$1.2 million gap
- The 2016-17 City Budget is projected to have a \$1.7 million gap
- By the 2020-21 fiscal year the budget deficit could be over \$4.4 million



# What Has the City Done to Tighten Its Own Belt?

The City Council has taken numerous steps to cut costs including:

- Reducing the City workforce
- Reduce healthcare subsidies for City employees
- Implementing a 3-tiered retirement system in 2013
- Requiring all City employees to contribute to their own retirement



# Community Outreach Efforts

- ✓ City Hall
- ✓ Parks
- ✓ Senior Center
- ✓ Service Groups
- ✓ Various Community Groups



# Community Outreach Priorities

1. Maintaining 911 emergency response times
2. Maintaining local fire station services
3. Maintaining neighborhood police patrols
4. Repairing streets and potholes
5. Repairing local storm drains systems
6. Protecting anti-gang and anti-drug programs
7. Increasing Vietnamese-language training for city police and firefighters
8. Create more local jobs
9. Maintaining business attraction programs



# Potential Solution – Service Cuts

- ❑ Closing a Fire Station  
*Savings of \$1.5 million*
- ❑ Restructuring police services such as Cadet Program and Crossing Guards  
*Savings of \$200,000*
- ❑ Eliminating all Recreation and Senior services  
*Savings of \$1.2 million*
- ❑ Continue cutting all General Fund contributions to residential paving project and parks  
*Savings of \$550,000*



# Potential Solution – Local Fountain Valley Funding Measure

- The City could also consider a local, Fountain Valley funding measure to generate revenue that stays local, giving our City Local Control over Local Funding for Local Needs
  - The State cannot touch a dime of any voter-approved funds
- Many other California cities have utilized local sales tax measures to maintain fiscal stability & vital services, as:
  - These measures are not applied to food purchased as groceries or prescription medication
  - It is NOT a tax on your home or property
  - Visitors to Fountain Valley pay their fair share of the cost of using our streets and public safety services
- A one-cent local sales tax measure would generate \$11.5 Million annually to maintain and preserve OUR services



Questions/Discussion  
Tell us which of these Solutions are the  
right one(s) for our City!

