



**City of Fountain Valley**  
***Information About Measure HH***  
***Fountain Valley 911 Response, Police-  
Fire, Essential City Services Measure***

# What is Measure HH?

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Fountain Valley City Council voted to place a one-cent sale tax on the 2016 November ballot to maintain vital community services such as police and fire.

Over the last several years, Sacramento has taken approximately \$100,000,000 from the City of Fountain Valley.

If enacted by Fountain Valley voters, Measure HH will provide reliable, locally controlled revenue that can't be taken by Sacramento, for maintaining vital city services such as police, fire and paramedic emergency services.



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

The City Council has taken numerous steps to cut costs:

- Cut the City workforce
- Cut healthcare subsidies for city employees
- Implemented a 3-tiered retirement system in 2012
- All city employees must contribute to their own retirement



# Services at Risk

Should Fountain Valley not be able to find other sources of revenue, the City will have to start cutting actual vital city services. Unfortunately, as police and fire services are a significant portion of the City's general fund budget, the following have been considered:

- Closing Fire Station #2
- Cutting a dozen firefighters
- Eliminating school crossing guards and school resource officers
- Cutting or Eliminating Senior Programs



# Fountain Valley Police Service Needs

- 911 police response times have increased
- Serious Part 1 crimes which includes incidents such as homicide, rape, robbery and assault have increased 41% over the previous year
- Funding generated by Measure HH will help to:
  - Reduce 911 police response times
  - Purchase police helmets, safety vests and vehicles
  - Maintain neighborhood patrols and crime suppression units fighting gangs/drugs
  - Maintain police cadet recruitment/training programs/front desk service
  - Maintain school crossing guards and school officers
  - Restore police officer staffing to adequate levels



# Fountain Valley Fire Service Needs

- Keep Fire Station 2 and its 12 firefighters open and staffed
- The number of 911 calls have increased 27% over the last four years, including emergency medical calls
- Fountain Valley only has two fire stations, and Fire Station 2 is in danger of closure unless additional funding is identified

Funding generated by Measure HH will help to:

- Upgrade Fire Stations, including emergency communications systems
- Ensure that firefighters have mission critical safety equipment and response apparatus



# What Other Vital Services will be addressed by Measure HH?

■ The community has identified additional priorities such as:

- Upgrading aging storm water systems
  - Repairing streets/potholes
  - Maintaining youth recreation and prevention programs serving more than 4,200 kids annually
  - Attracting local jobs/businesses
- ...all of which contribute to strong property values and Fountain Valley's quality of life!



# How Can We Be Certain Funds Will be Spent Properly?

Measure HH requires fiscal accountability provisions such as:

- Public spending reports
- Annual independent audits
- All funds must remain local to serve Fountain Valley needs
- **NO** money can be taken by Sacramento!





# What else will be on the Ballot this Year?

- Presidential, Legislative, and City Council Elections
- State Propositions
- Local Measures
- For more information about Measure HH, visit [www.fountainvalley.org](http://www.fountainvalley.org)
- For voting or balloting information, contact the Fountain Valley City Clerk's Office at 593-4445 or visit [www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com)

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# Questions?

