



*City of* **Garden Grove**  
California

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICE NEEDS



# About Garden Grove

- Incorporated in 1956, Garden Grove is home to over 176,000 residents
- Garden Grove has an annual basic operating budget of approximately \$118 million
- Unlike many Orange County cities, Garden Grove is a “full service” city, meaning that we currently maintain our own local police and fire





# What is the Issue?

- Garden Grove is known for our excellent city services and high quality of life, and we're working to keep it that way
- But massive State takeaways are hurting our City!
  - Sacramento takes millions of local tax dollars from cities like Garden Grove to solve their own problems
  - Ever since the state eliminated local funding, Garden Grove has lost \$4 Million every year
  - The State has left us with unfunded mandates, including to care for more homeless people and early-release parolees, without more funding to help solve these issues
- The City has cut our service providers and staff, reformed pensions, made cuts to services, and are planning on making further cuts. We cannot make further cuts and continue to provide quality city services





# Garden Grove Public Safety Services





# Public Safety

- Residents indicated that strong public safety services, particularly our rapid 9-1-1 emergency response times, are one of the main reasons why Garden Grove has such a high quality of life:
  - The majority of calls to the Garden Grove Fire Department are related to medical emergencies. We must keep our fire stations open and ensure that firefighters and paramedics can quickly respond to emergencies
  - Response times for 9-1-1 calls are critical for stopping crime, protecting victims, and saving lives. We need to increase local neighborhood patrols, retain officers on the street, and maintain law enforcement response times to all neighborhoods in the City.





# Garden Grove Quality of Life





# Quality of Life

- Residents were also concerned about maintaining local quality of life, especially about the rising cost of housing and increasing homelessness
- Like many North County cities, Garden Grove has experienced a rise in housing costs, as well as increasing homelessness from our neighbors
  - While the lack of affordable housing is a county-wide problem, we are committed to expanding affordable housing in our City and are working closely with groups to provide more opportunities for low-income residents
- Residents also placed strong emphasis on protecting local water supplies, especially for public parks and residences



# Summary of Priorities

- In summary, some of the needs identified by some of your neighbors:
  - ✓ Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times
  - ✓ Protect local drinking water supplies
  - ✓ Fight gangs and drugs
  - ✓ Prevent cuts to the number of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics
  - ✓ Address homelessness
  - ✓ Provide affordable housing options
  - ✓ Maintain neighborhood police patrols
- Now we want to hear from YOU!
  - Please complete and return the Community Feedback Form today!
  - Or, complete online at: [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us)





# What's the Next Step?

- Do you know of other individuals or organizations that should receive this information?
- All responses will be considered as part of our budget and revenue planning process
- We will continue to keep the community informed about these issues and others facing the city

