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## **LAWNDALE RESIDENTS SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES RESIDENTS BELIEVE HOMELESSNESS SERIOUS PROBLEM, CITY NEEDS FUNDING**

**Lawndale, CA** - A recently commissioned independent survey shows Lawndale residents overwhelmingly support maintaining key local city safety services. Sixty eight percent of residents believe the City needs additional funding, and strong majorities supported maintaining current levels of public safety and quality of life services.

The community survey was conducted June 1st through June 7th, 2018 by opinion research firm FM3 Research, who has extensive experience polling in Lawndale.

"We're gratified that our residents expressed their priorities so clearly," said City Manager Steve Mandoki. "Like many California cities, our residents are concerned about homelessness and our crime rate, which hurt our local quality of life," he added.

Residents expressed strong support for the City's public safety services, with 94% supporting maintain 911 emergency services, and 91% of residents prioritizing fighting gangs and drugs. Residents also expressed an overwhelming support for maintaining key public safety services.

"Fast response times to 911 calls are critical for stopping crime, protecting victims, and saving lives," said City Manager Mandoki, "Ever since the State started taking millions of dollars in Lawndale's local funds, we have tried to do more with less. Unfortunately, these state takeaways have made it harder and harder to continue providing services at the level our residents expect and deserve."

Residents also expressed support for key quality of life services, including ensuring that residents have safe drinking water, maintaining programs that attract businesses and create jobs, addressing homelessness, and maintaining neighborhood parks. Said City Manager Mandoki, "Lawndale residents prioritize well-maintained streets, and safe and clean neighborhoods and parks, which protect our strong property values." He added, "Without additional funding, we will be forced to cut basic services like pothole repair, graffiti removal, and parks maintenance, which could make our City a less desirable place to live and do business in."

"We look forward to continuing to discuss our vital community service needs and evaluating how best to maintain these services, particularly public safety and key quality of life priorities" continued City Manager Mandoki. "We are committed to keeping the public informed about the steps we can take to ensure that Lawndale remains safe and provides the kinds of services our residents need."

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