A Message from the City Manager...

Did you know: Indians lived in the Los Alamitos area for 3,000 years and when the first Spanish expedition arrived, the land was dotted with Indian settlements, meandering rivers and creeks, along with clusters of Cottonwood trees. Los Alamitos means "Little Cottonwoods" in Spanish, it was from this first vision that the City of Los Alamitos received its name and was incorporated on March 1, 1960. The City of Los Alamitos has a current population of approximately 11,600 and encompasses 4.09 square miles. We have a healthy balance of residential, retail and jobs that creates a wonderful quality of life.

What's being done?

Goal: Establish a Fiscally Sustainable Budget - What is Sustainability?

“The ability to sustain long term vital City services to all residents and business without threatening the City’s cash solvency or defaulting on any liabilities or promised expenditures while utilizing ongoing revenues to pay for ongoing costs.”

Steps in the Fiscal Sustainability Process:
- Development of a 20-year long financial plan—currently 10-year
- Continued Financial Transparency—Public Meetings
- Community Engagement and Surveys
- Evaluation of All cutting and revenue enhancement options

Developing a plan that maintains providing essential city services including:
- Police protection
- 911 emergency response times
- Maintain streets/potholes/trees/medians
- Neighborhood safety and preservation
- Community events
- Youth programs
- School resource officer
- Crossing guards
- Senior programs
- Economic and business development
- Capital project funding
- Other essential city services

We welcome your feedback and questions:
Contact Fiscal Sustainability Manager, David Cain: dcain@cityoflosalamitos.org or 562-431-3538 x485
Finance Department Update

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Cities, Counties, Special Districts Property Tax Schools

Los Alamitos Loss $12.3 Million

Continued loss is over $770 thousand annually
Reserves will be expended by 2024/25

Cost Cutting Measures:
- Reduction in staffing levels by 25 FTE’s since 2009
- Reorganization of departments
- Elimination of non-essential programs

Increase in Non-Controllable Costs:
- Health and pension costs—state driven
- CIP programs and projects—many unfunded projects

Additional Factors:
- Prop 13—Loss of local control
- Property Tax Split—pennies on the dollar
- State Take Away—ERAF and more

State and Other Fiscal Impacts:
- Sacramento’s poor investment planning
- Sacramento politicians continue legislative assault on our Cities finances. (Prop 1A protects sales and property taxes)
- Affordable housing mandates

Solvency:
- Cash Solvency—pay bills in the short term
- Budget Solvency—balance the budget within the fiscal year
- Long-Run Solvency—cost of items that are not in the budget but commitments have been made.

1978 Reduced local revenue by 60%
**Being a Better Recycler**

We all play a critical role in keeping our community recycling programs running properly and helping to reduce contamination. Recycling contamination results when the wrong items or dirty recyclables go into recycling bins. By placing these items into our receptacles, many end up in the landfill and not where they were intended.

Increased contamination has come at a time when the value of recyclables has fallen because of strict new standards from end users, especially those in Asia. To face today's challenging recycling markets, we all need to be recycling better, keeping recyclables clean and contaminant-free.

Throughout the year, we encourage everyone to help reduce contamination by incorporating a few easy tips into your daily routine:

1) **Know What to Throw:**
   - Paper and cardboard
   - Plastic bottles and containers
   - Metal food and beverage cans
   - Glass bottles and jars

2) **All Recyclables Should Be Empty, Clean, and Dry**

3) **When In Doubt, Throw It Out!**

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