The City of Los Alamitos is proud of its services and strong accountability that create a high “Quality of Life” for its residents. The City of Los Alamitos will need to take extraordinary measures to fulfill the City’s goal of “Fiscal Sustainability” that includes employing innovative, creative, and progressive methods to continue City Services.

What is the problem?

The City is projected to enter a budget deficit starting in 2020 that will grow over the next 10 years to greater than $3 million per year.

Why is there a problem?

- The State of CA is taking more from cities causing a decrease in tax revenue
- Costs have increased across the board - public safety services, pension obligations, and infrastructure
- Cities are being required to deal with an ever increasing number of State mandates (i.e. homelessness)

All City’s cash reserves will be exhausted before 2024
How are we currently dealing with the problem?
- Reduction in staffing levels over the past 10 years, which challenges ability to provide high level of service
- Eliminated Recreation Programs including: After School Drop-in Parks Programs, Senior Trips, Aquatics Programs, & reduced Adult Sports
- Delay replacement of outdated park equipment and making facility improvements, including street infrastructure
- Conducted pension reform requiring employee contribution and reducing City obligation
- Developing a 10-year Financial Plan that includes a number of cost reduction and revenue enhancement options

What are possible solutions?
- Parcel Tax (local residents only)
- Sales Tax Increase (residents & visitors)
- Increases to Utility User Tax (local residents only)
- Adjust Hotel Bed Taxes (visitors only)
- Recreation fee increases (residents & visitors)

If a solution is not found, the following will be reduced or eliminated:
- Local Police protection
- Police response time
- School Resource Officer
- Crossing Guard
- Maintaining streets, pot holes & medians
- Tree trimming
- Community events
- Youth sports programs
- Summer youth parks program
- Senior programming
- Community service programs
- Economic & business development
- Parks & facility maintenance

These items will not solve the over $3 Million deficit

Tell us what you think...
We Need Your Input!

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