



# RENEWING LOCAL FUNDING WITHOUT INCREASING TAX RATES

For the past 12 years, Union City has relied upon approximately \$6 million annually in locally-controlled funding from a half-cent sales tax measure first approved by 60% of local voters in 2010 and renewed by 73% of local voters in 2014. These funds maintain city services such as firefighters, paramedics, police patrols, pothole and street repairs, and services for children, families and seniors.

## LOCAL FUNDING FOR UNION CITY SET TO EXPIRE

Unless renewed by local voters, this funding is set to expire. Losing \$6 million in annual funding without a new funding source, would require budget cuts that could include 911 emergency response, community and neighborhood policing, and reductions in community services and street repair and maintenance.



## RENEWING LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING FOR CITY SERVICES

To prevent cuts to local programs and services, the City Council is considering placing a measure on the November 2022 ballot to renew local sales tax funding for nine years without increasing the tax rate. Renewed locally controlled funding could be used for general city services, such as:

- Maintaining rapid 911 emergency response times
- Keeping fire stations open and fully staffed
- Maintaining paramedic services and fire protection services
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols
- Fixing pothole and repairing streets
- Preserving emergency and disaster preparedness programs
- Supporting senior and youth programs, including recreation programs like the Sports Center, Kids Camps, and afterschool programs

## CONTINUING STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY PROTECTIONS

A measure to renew locally controlled funding would continue strict fiscal accountability protections, including:

- Essential purchases like groceries and prescription medicine are exempt to ensure the cost is not a burden to those on fixed or limited incomes
- All funds must remain under local funds for local needs
- No funds can be taken by the State
- Funds will continue to be reviewed by an independent citizens' oversight committee, and subject to mandatory audits
- Public disclosure of spending is required
- Shoppers and visitors from other communities must pay their fair share

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please share your opinions and priorities as the City Council considers placing a local funding renewal measure on the ballot. For more information, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/UCLocalFunding](http://www.tinyurl.com/UCLocalFunding). If you have questions or to share your opinions, please email [serenitym@unioncity.org](mailto:serenitym@unioncity.org).

