



Information Regarding the City Council's Direction on the Public Safety Parcel Tax

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Goal A: Financial Stability and Sustainability

Strategy 2: Determine the level of reauthorization of the public safety parcel tax and develop an informational plan.

****City Council Priority**



Goal C: Economic, Community Development & Public Safety

Strategy 13: Align public safety services with community needs based on data-driven decision-making approaches.

Background

- City Council provided direction on 10/22
- Staff will present ballot measure ordinance and resolution for consideration on 11/26
 - \$175 base rate for a common parcel
 - Indexed to CPI not less than 3%
 - 8 year term
 - City Council places the measures; Voters will decide

Staff Finding

- \$175 base rate is where tax rate would have been in FY 21/22 if indexed to CPI
- \$175 will provide two more police officers equal to 26 extra patrol shifts a month
- 8 year term provides more fiscal stability
- \$175 tax rate in conjunction with other fiscal strategies needed to implement Strategic Plan Goal A, Strategy 1 to achieve fiscal stability and sustainability

Impact of Inflation



Measure UU in 2008:

- Rate increased from \$106.30 to \$125.64, a 16% increase
- 8-year term
- 2% limit on escalation

Measure QQ in 2016:

- Continued Measure UU rate
- 4-year term

Impact of Inflation



**Tax Rate if
Parcel Tax
Indexed to CPI
since 2008:**
**\$174.74 in FY
20/21**

Declining Police Department Staffing

- 81 sworn officers FY 08/09
- 77 sworn officers FY 19/20



Tax Rate Needed to Fund Additional Police Officers

One Officer

- \$167/year
- \$1 a month above existing 20/21 tax rate

Two Officers

- \$175/year
- \$1.42 a month above 21/22 tax rate if existing rate continues

Additional Funding to Meet City Council Priorities

Goal C, Strategy 2:

- **Develop a multi-departmental approach to address homelessness through coordination with staff, community organizations, and Alameda County**

Goal E: All Strategies

- **Build strong connections with community partners, residents and employees.**



Fiscal Impact

- Ordinance being prepared by City Attorney will generate:
 - \$5 million FY 21/22
 - \$6.2 million FY 28/29
- Funding for Police, Fire and Youth and Family Services