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Town of Yucca Valley Releases Updated Draft Budget for FY 13/14; Schedules Budget Q & A

The Town of Yucca Valley invites the public to attend a budget question and answer session on Thursday, May 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center. The session is scheduled immediately prior to the Special Town Council Meeting that begins at 6:00 pm. The public is encouraged to drop in anytime during the 2-hour session and provide their written questions.

At the Q & A session, the public will have the opportunity to interact with Town staff regarding any individual questions on the Town's proposed budget for the fiscal year, 2013-14. Questions can be technical, detailed, or general in nature. The public is encouraged to submit their questions ahead of time and send via email to finance@yucca-valley.org. Written questions may also be dropped off at Town Hall during normal business hours, prior to the workshop. Those attending the budget session may also submit their written questions at that time. All questions will be recorded and answered and made available to the community on the Town's website. Updated

The draft budget will be presented to the Town Council at the 6:00 p.m. Special Town Council meeting. The Council will not be taking formal action to adopt the budget until later in May or early June. The Town's Budget is the spending blueprint for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2013.

The draft Budget includes funding for many of the Community Services that the Town's residents have expressed support for over the past several months including: Summer Music Festival, Summer Aquatics Program, Special Events (July 4th, Family Fun Days, EarthDay), After School Programming, Museum programming, Senior Trips, and a variety of adult and youth sports programming.

While the draft Budget shows revenues in excess of expenses, the draft Budget **does not** provide any funding from the General Fund towards deferred road maintenance; analysis shows a need of over \$700,000 for road maintenance that is currently not provided.

The Town of Yucca Valley continues to engage the community through a series of public workshops during the budget development process. In January 2013, the Town Council held a public, strategic planning workshop to discuss organization and municipal priorities. With public input, the Town Council identified and prioritized the community's key issues, which assisted in formulating the current draft document.

For more information on the budget development process, please visit the Town of Yucca Valley's website at www.yucca-valley.org