

# TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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### **Q: What is the issue?**

A: We have heard a lot from the community about the desire for better streets and public safety services and, now that the sewer assessment district has been formed, a way to reduce sewer costs for residents.

### **Q: What has been done to address these issues?**

A: For the past year, members of the Citizens for Lower Sewer Costs Committee, and other community members, have been working with the Town to identify and evaluate potential local revenue options to lower the cost of the sewer system for residents and address Town service needs.



### **Q: What are Yucca Valley's service needs?**

A: In a recently conducted community survey, residents identified the following Town needs and priorities:

- Reducing the cost to taxpayers for the sewer system
- Preventing violent crimes; providing additional police officers and neighborhood patrols
- Maintaining youth violence prevention and gang intervention programs
- Supporting fire protection services
- Fixing streets and potholes, providing ongoing maintenance

### **Q: How can the Town reduce sewer system costs for residents?**

A: One of the options being considered to lower the cost of the sewer system is a special purpose local sales tax measure that would require by law that all funds are spent locally to reduce the assessment costs of the sewer system. The measure being evaluated would equitably reduce the costs of the passed sewer assessment for all phases by up to 30 percent per year.

### **Q: Why are funds needed for local services?**

A: The Town has heard a lot about the community's desire for better local services, especially public safety and streets and pothole repair. The fact is that Town streets are underfunded and they are continuing to deteriorate. Additionally, more and more parolees and sex offenders are being released early into our community because of state cuts to prisons, which may be affecting the safety of our Town and neighborhoods. One of the options being considered to address these local needs is a local funding measure that would provide local funds that would be protected by law from the state.

### **Q: Where can I get more information?**

A: For more information about the Town's efforts to improve public safety services, local streets and reduce sewer system assessment cost for local residents, visit [www.yucca-valley.org](http://www.yucca-valley.org).