

RESOLUTION NO. 16-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, STATING ADVISORY PRINCIPLES AND GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED NOVEMBER 2016 TOWN SERVICES MEASURE IF APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

WHEREAS, the Town Council received valuable input from the community through the Town's Strategic Planning Outreach activities in support of identifying alternative revenue solutions, and was approached by the Citizen's for Lower Sewer Costs seeking ways to maintain essential Town services and lower sewer costs for Town property owners, and received positive responses from the community in the April 2016 Community Needs Survey indicating potential support for a local revenue measure or measures; and

WHEREAS, a local revenue measure would give Yucca Valley local control over local funds, for community priorities including but not limited to, maintaining neighborhood police patrols and 911 response, maintaining and repairing existing neighborhood streets and alleys, and maintaining community requested quality of life programming such as the Town's aquatics program, seniors site programming, and other community participant programming; and

WHEREAS, many of the Town's neighborhood streets and roads are deteriorated and riddled with cracks. These deteriorated road conditions are exacerbated by the fact that many streets are unpaved, or located on steep hillsides, wash-out zones or otherwise regularly subjected to extreme weather conditions inherent to the desert environment. While the Town has made major improvements to a number of streets, additional funds are needed to address streets that are in the worst condition and cost up to ten times as much to fix as needed to eliminate these hazardous road conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Town estimates a deferred maintenance liability of approximately \$14 million on Town maintained roads. There is currently no identified funding source to sufficiently address this community need; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, there has been an increase in crime rates, an increase in the number of calls for police services and an increase in violent crimes in the Town of Yucca Valley, with burglaries increasing 113% in 2015 from the prior year. Nonetheless, the level of police services for the Town has remained the same since 2009 due to constraints on the Town's General Fund, which is the source of funding for police services; and

WHEREAS, as a solution to the fiscal constraints on general services, the Town Council desires to submit to the voters a proposal to enact a one-half cent per dollar (i.e., 0.5%) transaction and use tax for a period of ten (10) years in the Town of Yucca Valley, with the funds to be deposited in the Town's General Fund and be used for general Town purposes and services, including but not limited to police and crime prevention, fire protection, paramedic and 911 emergency response services, street repair and maintenance, graffiti prevention and abatement, and anti-gang activities and other quality of life programs; and

WHEREAS, funds from this proposed measure are subject to strict fiscal accountability and transparency provisions, including annual independent audits and publishing of expenditure reports to ensure funds are spent efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Town residents have repeatedly indicated that the priorities important to them include: maintaining neighborhood police patrols and 911 response; maintaining and repairing existing neighborhood streets and alleys, maintaining Town quality of life programming and reducing the cost for property owners to connect to the sewer system.

WHEREAS, after months of community engagement and outreach, and after receiving extensive feedback from the community, the Yucca Valley Town Council has placed a measure for the generation of revenues to the Town's General Fund, onto the November 8, 2016 ballot to address local community priorities. As a General Fund revenue measure, the measure, if passed by the voters, will generate monies that can be used for the benefit of general community needs as well as the expenditure priorities stated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley resolves as follows:


Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley hereby resolves that the following shall constitute top priorities for the expenditure of General Funds, including the proposed November 2016 Town Services ballot measure monies if passed by the voters:

- a) maintaining neighborhood safety, police patrols and 911 response;
- b) maintaining and repairing existing neighborhood streets and alleys, and
- c) maintaining the Town's quality of life basic programs.

Section 3. The Sample Town Services Revenue Measure Budget included as Exhibit A, is illustrative of what the intended use of the funds would be. It is expected that future revenues generated by any such measure, if passed by the voters, would be utilized in similar fashion, in accordance with the top priorities identified in Section 2.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of August, 2016.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

I, Lesley R. Copeland, Town Clerk of the Town of Yucca Valley, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 16-24 as duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley, California at a meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of August, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members Abel, Denison, Huntington, Lombardo and Mayor Leone
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None



Lesley R. Copeland, CMC
TOWN CLERK