



City of Westminster

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Dear Resident:

A community survey conducted May 2-7, 2020 by opinion research firm FM3, the City's long-time polling professional, shows that Westminster residents are concerned about the impacts of COVID-19 in their community, and want continued local investment to keep the City safe and solvent as the region grapples with the impacts of the global pandemic.

The independent survey shows that 61% of Westminster respondents are extremely or very concerned about the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, and as much as 60% see the need for continued local investment to provide the level of services residents need and want, including helping residents recover from the financial effects of COVID-19 by maintaining local jobs/supporting local businesses, and preventing the elimination of the local police department or individual units, among other items.

As we begin to confront the economic impacts of this crisis, we must have the capacity to support our local economy, or the City will once again be forced to make deep cuts to basic, vital services. Over 75% of Westminster's general fund budget is dedicated to public safety. With the impacts of COVID-19, we are looking at significant public safety cuts when our current local funding expires.

In addition to public safety and economic recovery items, survey respondents highly valued maintaining the City's ability to respond to a natural or medical disaster, keeping public areas safe and clean and drinking water safe, funding City and community-provided health services to prepare for medical emergencies and to help homeless residents and families, and preventing cuts to 9-1-1 response and paramedics.

This feedback is extremely helpful. We look forward to continuing to discuss our vital community service needs given this helpful feedback from our residents as we navigate our current budget process. We are committed to keeping the public informed about the steps we can take to ensure that Westminster can help residents stay safe and protected in this critical time.

Sincerely,

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