



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: Charting the Course for 2020

Recommendation

Receive and file an update by the City Manager regarding upcoming priorities, projects and activities planned for the coming year.

Background

The last several years the City has experienced growth and investment, which has included significant investment by the City itself.

The City is continually working towards maintaining the quality of life that makes Lake Elsinore a great place to live, work and play. In a Community Issues Survey conducted last year, residents were satisfied with their quality of life, but were still concerned about essential City programs such as public safety and public works services.

Residents identified local priorities that they would like the City to continue to address including:

- fixing streets and repairing potholes,
- reducing gang activity drug-related crimes,
- providing quick responses to 9-1-1 emergencies,
- addressing homelessness,
- improving fire protection and paramedic services,
- keeping public areas clean and free of graffiti, and
- providing law enforcement services including neighborhood patrols, crime prevention and investigations.

As proven by the road work occurring around Lake Elsinore, the City strives to maintain its streets and roads, but there are still many of our local streets that have not been repaired or resurfaced in 20 years due to a shortage of funding. Fixing potholes and repaving streets was identified by residents as a top priority and the City agrees.

Furthermore, fast emergency response times for 9-1-1 calls are critical for saving lives, and the City seeks to ensure that we have enough law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly to 9-1-1 emergencies.

Charting the Course for 2020

To expand the conversation and make sure every resident has a voice, in September 2019 the City launched Let's Talk Lake Elsinore – a community survey to hear feedback on City service needs and priorities.

Discussion

The City Manager will provide a brief presentation to the City Council regarding key projects and programs planned for this coming year that align with the priorities identified as part of the City's Let's Talk Lake Elsinore efforts including steps that have been taken to date and what to expect in the new year. Key areas of focus will include public safety, environmental stewardship, job creation, recreational amenities and traffic.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.