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**Dear Neighbor,**

Recently the City of Stanton has expanded local public safety services the community relies on, with a particular emphasis on hiring additional Sheriff's deputies.

This was made possible due to Stanton voter-approved funding, which was enacted in 2014 to provide over \$3 million annually for public safety and other community services.

On October 13, 2015 the City was notified that an initiative measure to terminate this funding has qualified for the 2016 November election.

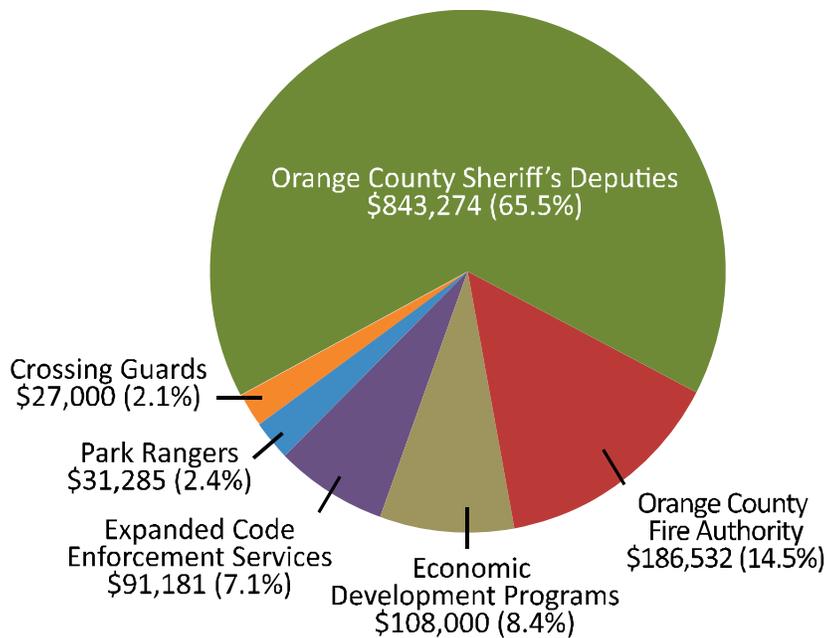
The City has received questions from community members on the effects of this potential initiative. Information from our City website and budget is contained in this letter as a public service. If you would like more information, please visit [www.ci.stanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.stanton.ca.us).

Thank you for your questions and interest.

Sincerely,

James A. Box  
Stanton City Manager

**How Stanton Voter-Approved Funds Are Spent**



Learn more at <http://ci.stanton.ca.us/opengov>

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## ***Budget and Service Implications of Potential Loss of Voter-Approved Stanton Funding***

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“Measure GG was approved by Stanton voters in November 2014, establishing a 1 cent transactions and use tax within the City of Stanton effective April 1, 2015. However, this funding may be in jeopardy... Without Measure GG funds, the City would need to make... cuts in response to the loss of this essential revenue stream.

The City would no longer be able to maintain local services including fire protection, neighborhood sheriff patrols, 9-1-1 response times, gang and youth violence prevention, senior programs and programs to stimulate local economic growth. This page... reflect[s] the revised budget the City would need to implement should Measure GG be revoked. Should this occur, it will not affect FY 15/16, but would require significant cuts to the FY 16/17 budget. These cuts would begin with eliminating the new increases to public safety services and economic development/job-creation programs that were added because of Measure GG including:

- \* **Loss of funding of an estimated \$3,290,000 from the transactions and use tax in FY 16/17**
- \* **Elimination of 2 OC Sheriff's Department Deputies... added in FY 15/16**
- \* **Elimination of additional Business Relation funding established in FY 15/16**
- \* **Elimination of funding for school crossing guards**

Even with the above public safety and economic development cuts, without Measure GG funding the City would still need to make an additional \$2.5 million in cuts to balance the budget. These cuts would result in substantial reductions to nearly every City service including neighborhood sheriff patrols, fire protection and others.

Because public safety services represent over 71% of the City's budget... they would incur over 71% of the budget cuts. These additional cuts equate to \$1.22 million in cuts to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, \$560,000 in cuts to the Orange County Fire Authority and over \$710,000 in cuts to other essential City services. As both County Fire and Sheriffs believe their front-line public safety employees are currently at the minimum level of staffing to adequately perform their jobs, the cuts will have a significant negative impact on safety services and will result in:

- \* **Fewer police patrols**
- \* **Increased 9-1-1 response times**
- \* **A lowered level of fire protection services and firefighters/paramedics...”**

(For the full copy of the adopted budget, visit [www.ci.stanton.ca.us](http://www.ci.stanton.ca.us).)

*(Source: Excerpted from City of Stanton Adopted 2015/2017 Budget, Page 40)*

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