

GARDEN GROVE MEASURE O PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

On November 6, 2018, Garden Grove voters approved Measure O, a one-cent (1%) local sales tax, anticipated to generate about \$19 million in annual funding for public safety and vital city services. Measure O focuses on the following key areas of public safety:

- Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Preventing cuts to police/fire/paramedic staffing levels
- Maintaining neighborhood police patrols/gang/drug prevention
- Homelessness

Measure O requires annual independent audits and recommendations made to the Garden Grove City Council by a community oversight committee. Measure O will go into effect on April 1, 2019. Funds will not be available until July 2019.

PLAN COMPONENTS

The following recommendations must receive City Council approval prior to implementation. Positions are in addition to filling current department vacancies.

✓ POLICE RECRUITMENT

- 10 full-time police officers
- 1 full-time police sergeant
- 5 police support personnel (dispatchers, records specialists, community service officers)
- Recruitment to begin immediately with focus on bilingual officers

✓ POLICE SPECIAL RESOURCES TEAM (SRT) HOMELESS TASK FORCE

- 1 full-time SRT-dedicated police officer

✓ RFP FOR LONG-TERM PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY UPGRADES

- Create RFP to secure design firm(s) for 30-year facilities upgrade plan.

PLAN COMPONENTS (CONTINUED)

√ COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- Present recommendations to City Council at the start of 2019 for the selection of the Measure O Community Oversight Committee. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity, making recommendations to the City Council on how Measure O funding will be applied to essential City services.

For additional information on Measure O, along with future updates to the Public Safety Plan, visit the City's website at www.ggcity.org.