



# La Mirada Faces Tough Challenges

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- Addressing Sacramento's money grabs
- Maintaining local control of our local funds.
- Protecting essential city services.
- Protecting local property values.
- Preserving La Mirada's low crime rate.





# Declaration of Fiscal Emergency

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- Like many California cities, La Mirada faces huge financial challenges due to continual State money grabs.
- On February 14 the City Council declared a Fiscal Emergency in La Mirada.
- The economic recession, declining revenues and Sacramento money grabs forced La Mirada to cut millions in spending and reduce the City's workforce by 27% – **severely impacting essential city services.**





# Fast Facts on the Budget

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- 28% of the General Fund budget goes for Public Safety for neighborhood police patrols, crime and gang prevention, and quick response times.
- 22% of the General Fund budget goes for Public Works repairing streets and roads, fixing potholes, removing graffiti, and completing sewer and storm drain repairs.
- The State's killing of La Mirada's Redevelopment Agency reduced General Fund revenues by \$2.5-million or 7% annually.
- The City has made additional significant budget cuts to offset the impact of the \$2.5-million loss.





# Our Tradition of Strong Fiscal Stewardship

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- Committed to financial accountability and excellent management of taxpayer dollars.
- La Mirada has managed our funds in an efficient, fiscally prudent manner and minimized cuts to essential city services.
- The economic recession, declining revenues and continual Sacramento money grabs have made it increasingly difficult to provide essential city services.
- La Mirada will continue to evaluate all options for cost savings and local revenue generation.
- Additional revenues are needed to provide essential city services at the levels needed by our community.



# Sacramento's Continual Money Grabs

- Sacramento politicians continues to take local city funds to fix their own budget mess and solve their own budget deficits.
- Continual money grabs reduce local control over our local funds and threaten our ability to provide vital city services.
- La Mirada has drastically cut spending and significantly reduced its workforce. We seek to prevent deeper cuts to the vital city services the community relies on.
- Unfortunately, Sacramento continues to come up with new schemes to take more of our local city funds—the latest “money grab” of local economic revitalization funds could cost the City \$58,000,000 in funding used to clean up rundown areas, generate jobs, repair our streets and sewers, and protect local property values.





# Maintaining Essential City Services

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- Money grabs are making it increasingly difficult to provide essential city services, such as:
  - major roads, neighborhood streets and pothole repairs.
  - Sewer and storm drain repairs.
  - Neighborhood police patrols and rapid police response times (two deputy positions).
  - We must maintain local control to keep La Mirada residents safe and our crime rate low.





# What about Streets, Roads and Sewers?



- La Mirada has more than \$67-million in unmet infrastructure needs with no available funding source.
- Repairing La Mirada’s major roads and neighborhood streets, repairing sewers, and fixing potholes is essential to maintaining our quality of life and improving the local economy.
- Many sewers, curbs and gutters are more than 50 years, and are becoming more difficult and costly to repair.
- We need to maintain streets, roads, sewers and storm drains NOW, before they deteriorate further and become more expensive to fix.
- We must all work together to maintain our community.

# Questions?

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