



California City

Special Tax

Special Tax Fact Sheet

- **1. What is the Special Tax?**
- **The Special Tax has been in effect since the late 80s to help sustain city services. (See By Line)**

- **2. Why is it important?**
- **Currently the \$100 dollar tax augments the Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, and Road Improvements**
- **Police – 30 % \$1, 275,000**
- **Roads - 30% \$1,275,000**
- **Fire - 25% \$1,062,500**
- **Parks - 15% \$ 637,500**

- **3. Why do absentee owners have to pay?**
- **Currently the City has 52,000 Platted lots that could be built on at the owner's choosing. The Special Tax allows us those that choose to live in California City now be the stewards for those that choose to come later.**

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- **4. Who do I contact if I have questions on this tax?**
- **The City Information Desk can provide facts concerning the Special Tax. There will be a Special Tax Committee formed that will organize the campaign for the future tax.**

- **5. How often does the Special Tax expire or go up for renewal?**
- **The current tax was for 5 years. The number of years that the tax is a decision of the citizens input to the Council.**

- **6. How is the Special Tax spent?**
- **A Special Tax can only be spent in the funds that it is allotted for. In the case of the current Special Tax the allocated money is spent for Police, Fire, Roads, and Parks. These are the only areas that the money can be allotted to and spent in.**

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- **8. What will happen to the city if it doesn't pass?**
- **The City does not have the revenues to sustain the services that we enjoy today if the Special Tax does not pass. Parks activities will shut down, major road improvements will stop, the police will be down to just 3 officers, and only the Fire Chief will be left in the Fire Department.**

- **9. Is there Grants the city can get instead?**
- **The City does secure grants whenever possible to offset costs and improve services for our residents. Unfortunately, the grants are highly competitive and short lived so can not be depended on as an offset.**

- **10. Why doesn't the city bring business to get more money from sales tax?**
- **The City recovers 1% of the sales tax revenue. That equates to \$220,000 (a little less than \$25 million of actual sales) for the past fiscal year. The City collectively with the realtors, EDC, and Chamber work diligently to secure new business such as Family Dollar but there is still a long way to go.**

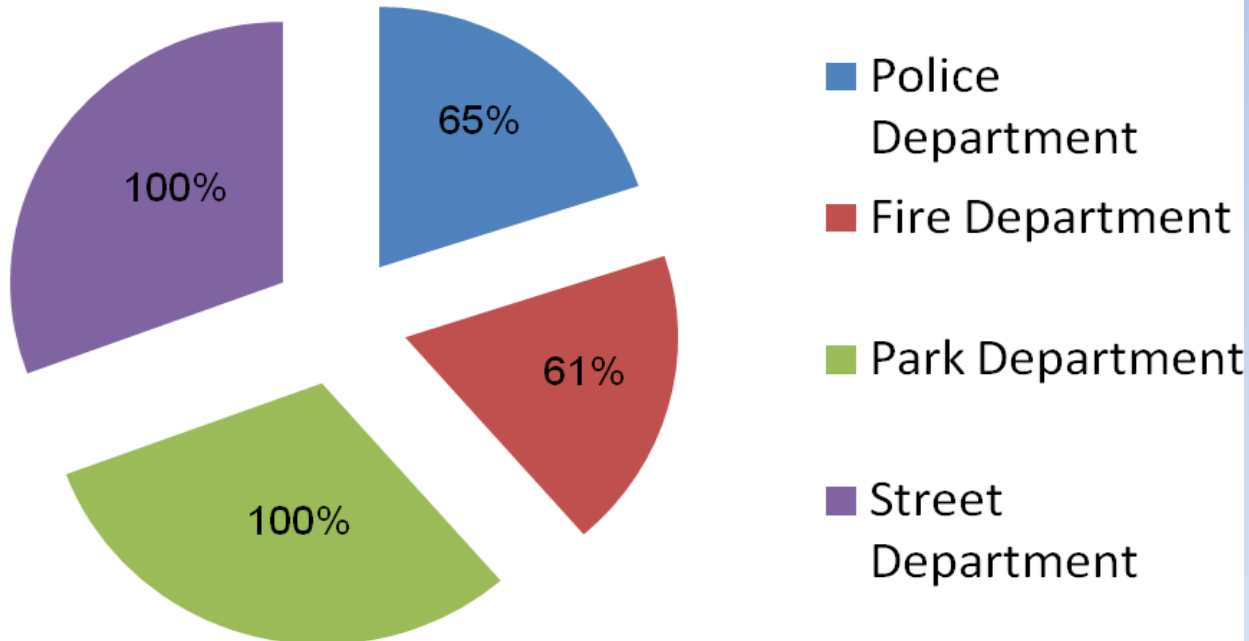
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- 11. What is the percent rate in order to pass again?
- A two thirds majority or 66.67 % of those that choose to vote.

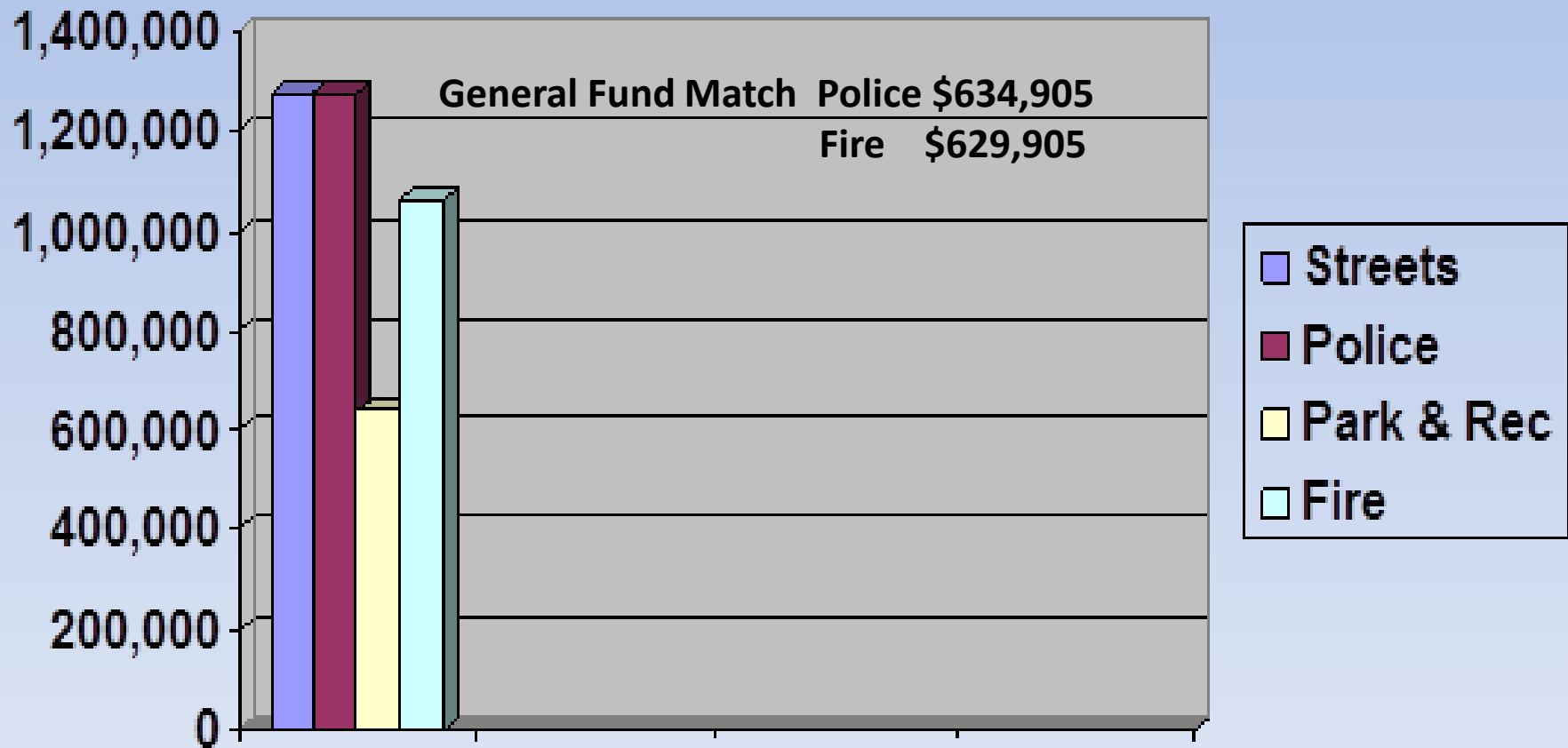
- 12. Who put the Special Tax on the Ballot?
- The City Council through a Resolution authorizes the amount of the Special Tax and what the funds will be spent on at a public meeting a minimum of 88 days prior to the election.

Special Tax Breakout

How much Special Tax funds make up each Departments budget?



Special Tax Dollars



No Special Tax Scenario

4/10 Workweek, 20% Reduction in Utilities, 3 Police, 3 Dispatchers, 1 Fire

No Code Enf, Animal Control, Park & Rec or Street Impr; 2 additional positions eliminated in Gen Fund

CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES AT 6/30/2012

	Est Beginning Fund Balance 07/01/2011	Revenue Forecast 6/30/2012	Budgeted Expense 6/30/2012	Estimated Fund Balance 6/30/2012	Allocation of Gen Operating Fund Balance	Projected Fund Balance 6/30/2012
General Fund						
Operating	0	3,738,760	2,196,103	1,542,657	(1,540,253)	2,404
Park & Recreation	0	0	0	0		0
Fire	0	0	571,917	(571,917)	571,917	0
Police	0	0	871,229	(871,229)	871,229	0
Total General Fund	0	3,738,760	3,639,249	99,511	(97,107)	2,404
Building & Planning	0	20,000	117,107	(97,107)	97,107	0
COPS Recovery Grant	0	70,910	70,104	806		806
Supplemental Law Enforce	0	0	0	0		0
Public Safety Augmentation	0	120,000	119,580	420		420
Street Fund						
Operating	386,637	657,000	518,042	525,595		525,595
Street Improve (Sp Tax)	0	0	0	0		0
SDI	787,918	290,000	283,551	794,367		794,367
Total Street Fund	1,174,555	947,000	801,593	1,319,961		1,319,961