



City of Downey

INFORMATION ABOUT MEASURE S

Downey Is a Great Place to Live



Better quality of life than other neighboring cities



Downey Fire Department



Downey Police Department

Resident approval based on a recent voter survey

Downey Is a Fiscally Responsible City



Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The GFOA Award recognizes the City's efforts in producing a comprehensive budget document. This award reflects the City's commitment to ensuring fiscal responsibility.



The California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) Excellence in Budgeting Award

Represents significant accomplishment by a government and its leadership in meeting high standards and setting an example for others. Recognizes the achievement of Downey's goal of ensuring fiscal responsibility, showing that the City Council takes steps to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Safety Is Downey's Top Priority

CALLS TO DOWNEY FIRST RESPONDERS



1,339

FIRE INCIDENTS



8,372

MEDICAL INCIDENTS



140,690

POLICE CALLS

2015 data

RAPID RESPONSE TIMES SAVE LIVES



Downey Firefighters and Paramedics



State Average



Downey Police



State Average

City Government Downsized During the Recession

STATE CUTS:



>\$50 MILLION



41 CITY EMPLOYEES CUT
10% REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE



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Measure S: A Sales Tax on the November Ballot

The Downey City Council voted on June 28, 2016 to place Measure S, the Downey Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure, on the November 2016 ballot. Measure S is an increase of ½ percent to the transactions and use tax, commonly known as the sales tax. If approved by voters, it could:



Maintain a **city-run Police Department and Fire Department**, which ensures quick response times to Downey emergencies, saving lives and keeping our community safe



Put more police officers on the street and **enhance police services** to support crime, gang and drug prevention programs like safe and supervised activities for kids that keep them off the streets, away from gangs and out of trouble



Ensure **fire engines** and **emergency vehicles** have updated equipment



Ensure adequate funding for **parks, youth and senior programs** and keep Downey one of the safest cities, with the highest quality of life, in the area



Invest in early **repairs of streets and sidewalks** to continue to improve main thoroughfares and residential streets and avoid extremely costly repairs in the future



Funds Must Stay in Downey—Not Sacramento



- Provide **\$9 million annually** by increasing the sales tax by ½ percent
- **Independent citizens' oversight** ensures funds are spent properly
- **Expires in 20 years** and cannot be renewed without voter approval

For More Information about Voting on Measure S

Election Day: November 8

If you vote by mail, look for your mail ballot: Week of October 10

Last day to register to vote in this election: October 24

Last day to request a mail ballot: November 1

Find your polling place: Visit www.lavote.net

Not registered to vote? Sign up at www.registertovote.ca.gov

