

HAWTHORNE City Council Places 3/4 of 1% Sales Tax Measure on November 2017 Ballot



CITY OF HAWTHORNE
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IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO DECIDE!

The three-quarter cent transactions (sales) and use tax measure is expected to raise \$8 million annually and is projected to close the deficit. Without additional revenue, cuts will be made to general funds that pay for services and public safety.

The proposed measure has safeguards to ensure that the funds raised would be placed in Hawthorne's general fund to be used only for fire protection, public safety and other municipal services.

Q How much of the sales tax will be paid by Hawthorne residents?

A The proposed sales tax (less than a penny for every dollar spent) is projected to raise \$8 million a year. Approximately 60% of the revenue will be paid by people who do not live in Hawthorne, but come to our city to shop.

Q What will happen to public safety and other services if the sales tax measure is not approved by voters?

A Without new funds, the growing deficit will translate into 30% General Fund reductions to personnel in police, fire/paramedics, public works, parks, and other services, which means longer response times.



HAWTHORNE BUDGET: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Hawthorne Faces a Projected \$7.5 Million

Structural Budget Deficit for FY 2018-19

Q Why do we have a deficit?

A Hawthorne is a low revenue city. A study of 13 nearby, comparable cities found that Hawthorne ranks:

- 11th out of 13 cities in general revenue raised per person (per capita).
- 12th in local revenue raised from property tax and service fees.

