

Maintaining Our Community: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can our community protect its quality of life?

A: Moreno Valley is proud of its vibrant community feel. We know that safe neighborhoods and parks, libraries, programs for children, youth and seniors, and well-maintained roads all lead to a better quality of life. We must continue to ensure Moreno Valley residents receive the services which make our city a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Unfortunately, the cost of many of our services, particularly public safety services provided by Riverside County, continue to rise.

Q: Are there any safety concerns?

A: Violent crime remains a great concern in Moreno Valley and other Southern California cities, as the State allows more and more individuals to be released from prisons throughout our communities. While our most recent budget held the line, additional funding will be needed in the future to maintain current gang prevention programs and the number of police on our streets making Moreno Valley safer.

Q: Do rising public safety costs impact other areas of the budget?

A: Yes. Road engineers recently rated the condition of 53 percent of Moreno Valley's streets and roads as just "fair," "poor," or "very poor." While the City is actively working to address the condition of our roads, we are constrained by current funding. It is time we make these essential road safety repairs before conditions get even worse and become more expensive to repair.

Q: Do rising public safety costs impact emergency response?

A: Fast response times to 911 calls are critical for saving lives, and we must maintain the rapid response times of our City's police, paramedics, firefighters, and emergency medical workers who are the first to respond and save lives.

Q: Do rising public safety costs impact our kids?

A: Nothing is more important than keeping our children safe. Studies show that between 3 and 6 PM – the hours after school ends and before parents typically return home from work – children without an afterschool activity are 3 times more likely to get into trouble. While the city has proudly made initial investments in youth focused infrastructure, additional funding is needed to help maintain these supervised afterschool park, recreation and library programs to keep children safe, off the streets and out of trouble.

Q: Has the community identified any priorities?

A: Yes. We want to thank every resident who gave us their input on service priorities in the City's recent community survey. Priorities we have heard to date include:

- Preventing robberies and burglaries
- Maintaining 911 emergency response times
- Repairing Potholes
- Maintaining safe and clean public areas
- Maintaining crime fighting programs/ gang and youth violence prevention programs
- Maintaining sworn police officers on the streets /the number of fire engines in service
- Addressing homelessness

Q: How can I get more information or provide input?

A: We want to hear from you! Join the conversation and let us know YOUR service priorities by completing an online community input survey at www.moval.org/JoinTheConversation. Your input will continue to be used into the future as part of our community-responsive budgets and strategic policy planning.