



City of Sebastopol
7120 Bodega Avenue
Sebastopol, CA 95473

You Are Invited: Community Town Hall Meetings

Dear Neighbor,

The City of Sebastopol is working to maintain core City services and our local quality of life – all while facing significant challenges that the community should know about.

Sebastopol, like many cities in Sonoma County and around the state, is contending with inflation, rising costs for qualified staff, health care costs, and more. Also like many cities, Sebastopol is dealing with stagnant revenues and mounting deferred maintenance on our streets and other infrastructure. The City needs about \$1 million a year to maintain our assets such as parks, the Senior Center, and to protect our streets from further deterioration. Modest improvements to our local streets and roads will require an additional \$1.4 million annually.

The combination of rising costs and flat revenues have contributed to a structural deficit for the City. The challenges need to be addressed urgently. Our staffing is near or below minimum levels and we are at risk of depleting our reserves in a few years without changes.

We have been working to reduce costs and become more efficient. The City has made reductions across departments, holding staff vacancies open, cutting contracts and otherwise reducing services and support for local non-profits. But to fully solve the deficit we are also considering the potential for new revenue, and that will require feedback from residents and possibly approval of the City's voters.

So while our situation is not unique, the solution is something that is going to have to come from our community. We encourage your participation in shaping our future. The City will be hosting a series of upcoming Townhalls and conducting a Community Priorities Survey, I encourage you to participate in both.

Don Schwartz
City Manager, City of Sebastopol

Community Survey & Town Hall Meetings

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Your Feedback!**
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July 8: 6:00 PM - Online Via Zoom
Information at CityofSebastopol.gov

July 10: 6:00 PM - Community Cultural Center
390 Morris St, Sebastopol, CA 95472



Community Update from the City of Sebastopol

Please Share Your Feedback!

The City of Sebastopol and its elected leaders are committed to maintaining our local quality of life, and supporting the core services and infrastructure that our residents, business and visitors rely on every day. The City is currently facing a number of challenges, including rising costs and the potential for budget deficits in coming years.

As part of planning to meet these demands, and potentially present options for additional revenue to support local services, the City is asking residents to give feedback on their priorities and help guide decision making.

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What Are Some of Sebastopol's Current Priorities?

The City is focused on maintaining core services of public safety, street and road maintenance, community development and many others. Some of the key priorities we have are:

- **Maintenance of Local Streets and Roads.**
- **Maintaining 911 Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Response Times.**
- **Preparing for the Threat of Wildfires and Natural Disasters.**
- **Youth and Senior Services.**
- **Supporting Local Non-Profits.**
- **Maintaining Parks, the Community Pool, the City Library and Other City Recreation Facilities**
- **Many Others.**

Make Your Voice Heard!

You can make your voice heard and provide your input on Sebastopol's local needs by taking the survey online at CityofSebastopol.gov.

