

WE HEARD YOU

Last month, the City of San Marcos asked residents to share their top priorities for our community.

Here is what we heard:



Percent of respondents marking items as high or medium priority. Responses received through June 12, 2024.



KEEPING SAN MARCOS SAFE AND CLEAN

While San Marcos is a beautiful place to call home, our city faces several challenges.

The City strives to maintain enough firefighters, paramedics and other public safety professionals to respond quickly to 9-1-1 emergencies.

The City must maintain 204 miles of streets, 126 miles of storm drains and nearly 300 acres of parks in good condition. Underground storm drain pipes were installed 50 years ago and require maintenance and improvement to prevent sinkholes and flooding.

LOCALLY CONTROLLED FUNDING FOR CITY SERVICES

Additional funding is necessary to maintain and improve important city services to keep San Marcos clean, safe and well-maintained. San Marcos is considering a 1¢ sales tax measure in the upcoming November election to provide local funding for general government use, including:

 Fixing potholes and maintaining city streets

 Improving roads, intersections, bike lanes and signals for traffic safety and reduced congestion

 Cleaning and maintaining local parks, trails, sports fields, playgrounds and community facilities



Keeping trash and pollution out of our local lakes, creeks and waterways



Repairing aging storm drains, bridges, sidewalks, curbs and public facilities



Providing fire and paramedic protection, ensuring quick responses to 9-1-1 emergencies

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND LOCAL CONTROL

Any local funding measure would include fiscal accountability and local control:



By law, all funds must stay local in San Marcos and no funds can be taken away by the State



Spending would be subject to independent citizens' oversight and annual audits



Purchases such as groceries, prescription medicine, diapers and feminine hygiene products are exempt from sales tax



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