

**CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS
FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY PLEDGE**

The City of Los Alamitos' mission is to deliver cost-effective quality public services to provide a safe and desirable community that enriches its residents and businesses.

The City Desires to:

- Provide essential city services ensuring Los Alamitos residents' "Quality of Life"
- Maintain neighborhood police patrols and rapid 911 response to keep our City a safe place to live
- Maintain high-quality customer service through the recruitment and retention of quality staff
 - Provide best in class senior, youth, and community services programs and events
 - Maintain and enhance the City's infrastructure and facilities

The Pledge: The City of Los Alamitos is committed to sound financial policies that maximize the highest level of City services for the people of Los Alamitos while preserving the community's Quality of Life. The City Council recognizes the need to protect the City's assets and to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

The City of Los Alamitos, like many cities in California, is experiencing significant financial challenges. This is due to the continued state takeaway of local revenues, unfunded state and federal mandates, fiscal impacts of COVID-19, increasing service demands, and increased costs which are out of the City's control. In order to maintain a balanced budget, the City has taken significant steps to cut costs including permanent staff reductions, reduced benefits for employees, local pension reform, and contracting out of City services. The City of Los Alamitos is a built out bedroom community with an aging infrastructure, which has limited ability to generate significant new revenues, to cover the cost of a growing structural budget deficit. This has and will continue to impact City services.

Therefore, in the event there are any significant increases in the City of Los Alamitos's revenues, the Mayor and City Council believe that the majority of this money should be used to:

- Maintain rapid 911 emergency response and neighborhood police patrols.
- Maintain senior and youth programs and provide for other essential community services.
- Provide for Public Safety including anti-gang & drug programs.
- Stimulate the local economic growth by helping retain and attract local businesses and jobs.
- Repair streets, sidewalks, roadways, parks, and aging infrastructure.
- Provide for other essential city services which preserve the Quality of Life in Los Alamitos.

The Mayor and City Council also believe, that whenever additional revenue are realized, City leadership should seek opportunities to:

- Fund essential infrastructure projects.
- Pay down unfunded liabilities.
- Rebuild and maintain the City's established reserves levels.

Finally, the City Council believes this pledge is a clear guide to helping the Los Alamitos community to maintain the "Quality of Life" for our residents and business community.

Adopted by the City Council on October 21, 2020, and reaffirmed on January 19, 2021, and June 9, 2026.

Ayes: Mayor Hasselbrink, Mayor Pro Tem Doby, Council Member Loe, and Council Member Nefulda
Noes: None
Absent: Council Member Hibard

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Shelley Hasselbrink

Shelley Hasselbrink, Mayor