# Kern County <br> Community Priorities Survey <br> Key Findings 

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# About three-quarters of all respondents in both Unincorporated and Incorporated areas believe the County has a need for additional funding. 



| A little need | $8 \%$ |
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| No real need | $12 \%$ | | A little/ |
| :---: |
| No Real |
| Need |
| $19 \%$ |



6\%


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## The Community's Budget Priorities

# Respondents ranked maintaining public safety services, including law enforcement, fire and 911 response, among the most important to fund. 

(Ranked by County-Wide Extremely/Very Important, $n=811$ )
$\square$ Ext. Impt. $\square$ Very Impt. $\square$ Smwt. Impt. $■$ Not Too Impt./Don't Know Impt.

Maintaining law enforcement, fire, and 911 response

Maintaining Sheriff, fire, and 911 response

Recruiting and retaining qualified firefighters and paramedics

| $51 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
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| $46 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $10 \% 5 \%$ |


| $48 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
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Preventing thefts and property crimes
Improving Sheriff, fire, and 911 response
77\%

Improving law enforcement, fire, and 911 response

Providing supervision of high-risk offenders who are on probation

| $47 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
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| 41\% | 36\% | 16\% | 8\% | 77\% |
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## Addressing mental health, road/pothole repair and veterans services were also viewed as important.

(Ranked by County-Wide Extremely/Very Important, $n=811$ )

Ext./Very Impt.
Helping address mental health and addiction challenges
${ }^{\wedge}$ Repairing roads and potholes


Supporting veteran services


Improving medical emergency response


Preventing property crimes


Maintaining anti-gang programs
Preparing for and responding to natural disasters such as earthquakes



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## Interest in Potential Local Funding

## Potential County Measure <br> (Simple Majority Requirement)

## Kern County Public Safety and Essential Services Measure

To maintain and improve fire and emergency 911 response; recruit and retain qualified firefighters and law enforcement; support veteran services and job training; repair roads and potholes; help address homelessness; maintain anti-gang, anti-drug and crime prevention programs and other general services; shall the measure be adopted establishing a 1c general sales tax in unincorporated Kern County, providing approximately $\$ 53,000,000$ annually until ended by voters; requiring citizens' oversight, annual financial audits, and all funds controlled locally?

As approved by County Counsel

# The conceptual measure reaches a high of two-thirds support County-wide for a simple majority requirement measure. 

(County-Wide, n=811; M.O.E. $\pm 3.9 \%$ )


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