

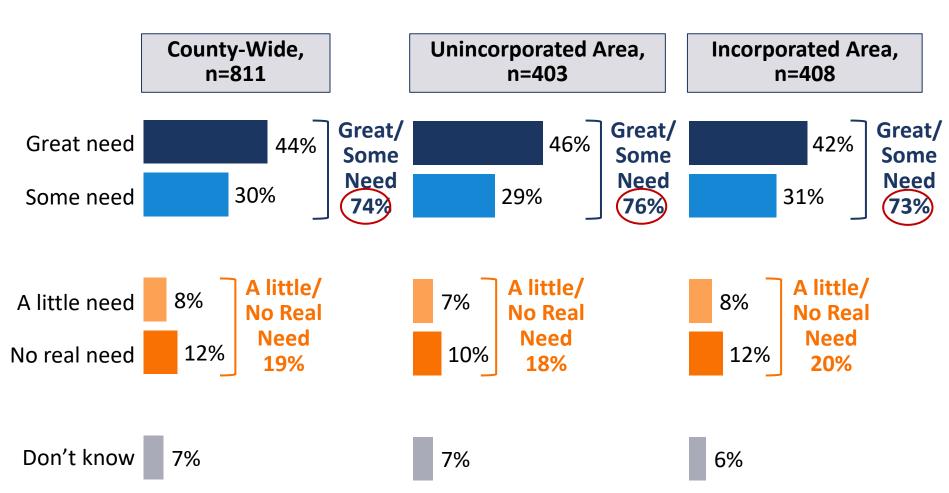
# Kern County Community Priorities Survey Key Findings





## Community Perception of Needs

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



In your personal opinion, do you think that Kern County has a great need for additional funding, some need, a little need or no real need for additional funding to provide the level of County services that Kern County residents need and want?

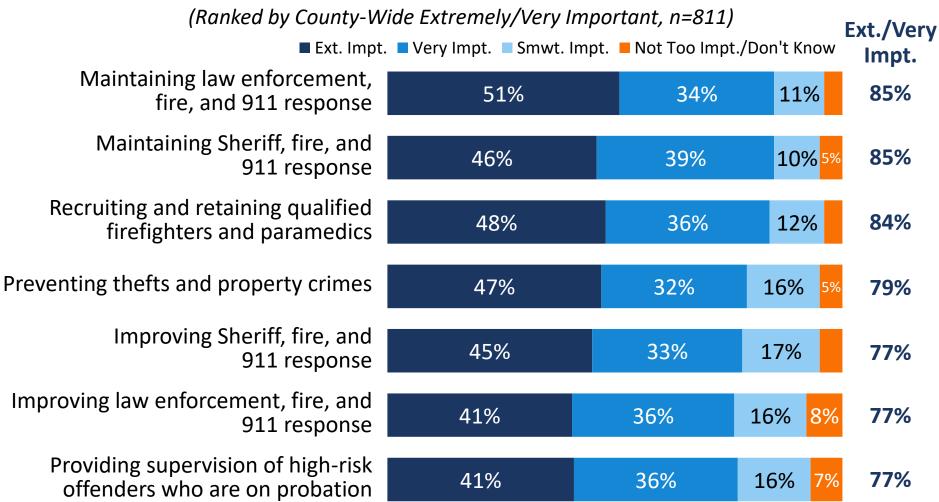
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## The Community's Budget Priorities

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

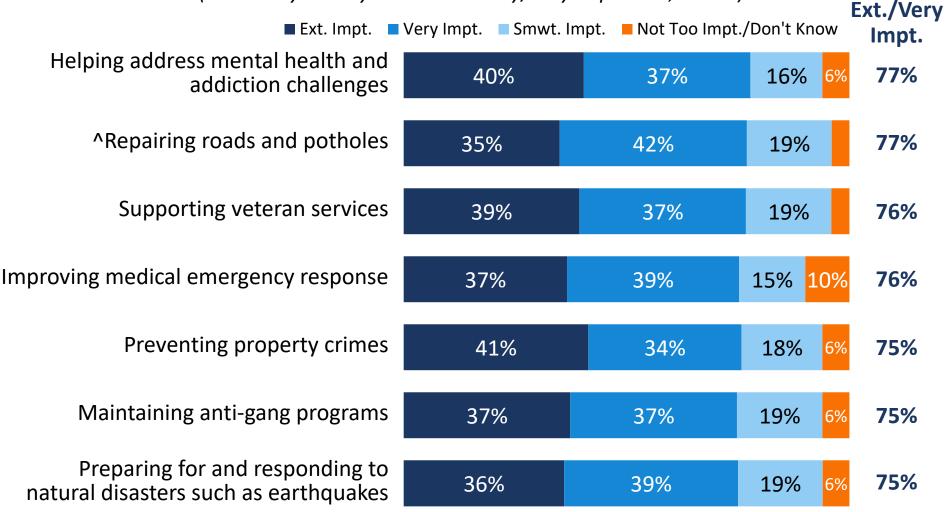


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#### Addressing mental health, road/pothole repair and veterans services were also viewed as important.

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



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#### Interest in Potential Local Funding

#### **Potential County Measure**

(Simple Majority Requirement)

#### **Kern County Public Safety and Essential Services Measure**

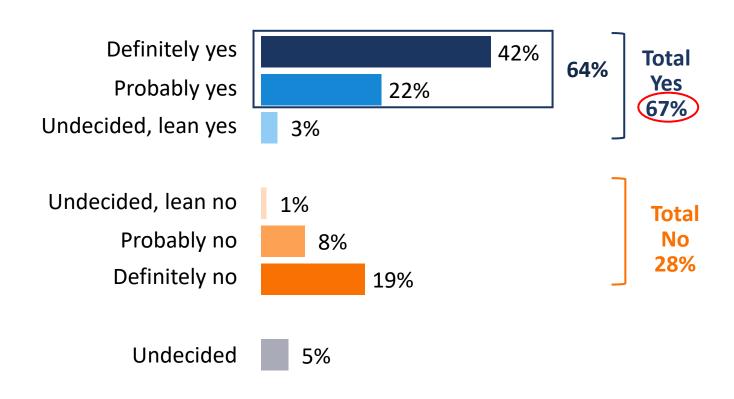
To maintain and improve fire and emergency 911 response; recruit and retain qualified firefighters and law enforcement; support veteran services and job training; repair roads and potholes; help address homelessness; maintain anti-gang, anti-drug and crime prevention programs and other general services; shall the measure be adopted establishing a 1¢ 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. ±3.9%)







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