



CITY OF HOLLISTER

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Dear Community Leader:

In May, the City Manager wrote to you to update you about Hollister's essential city services and budget adoption process. This month we are writing to you as leaders in public safety about Hollister's public safety priorities and local funding that is scheduled to expire.

The American Heart Association says brain deterioration starts five minutes after a person stops breathing, but without continued local funding Hollister will need to reduce police, and firefighter positions further increasing 9-1-1 emergency response times.

Hollister is committed to maintaining quality and reliable public safety services. We are proud to maintain an award winning Police Department, recognized as "2016 National Police Department of the Year" by WeTip, an anonymous crime reporting resource and law enforcement aid used across the nation. Being able to place an additional school resource officer in our schools has been critical to helping us maintain our youth gang and drug prevention and intervention programs.

Additionally, we are committed to maintaining the Hollister Fire Department which, many people are surprised to hear, is the only fulltime Fire Department dedicated to providing highly trained medical and firefighting services in San Benito County.

Local funding, enacted by voters in 2007 is vital to our public safety services including maintaining operations at all current Hollister fire stations and attracting and retaining qualified police officers and firefighters.

We will continue to update residents about the City's financial priorities and essential city services needs. For more information, visit www.hollister.ca.gov. If you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to call 831-636-4300 ext.15.

Sincerely,

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