



# **Measure C**

## **June 7 Election**

### **Renewal of the Utility Users' Tax**

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- \* Voters will be asked to consider extending the 2% Utility Users' Tax for another seven years (2023)
- \* Would apply to electric and gas only
- \* What local services does the UUT fund?
- \* Why does the City need the extension?
- \* Where can I obtain more information?

# Important Facts about Measure C

- \* Carson voters approved a 2% Utility Users' Tax in 2009, with a seven year "sunset." Without a time extension the UUT expires in June of 2016.
- \* Measure C would renew the 2% UUT on gas and electric only. It is not a new tax or a rate increase.
- \* Historically, the UUT generates approximately \$8 million annually to fund essential city services comprising 12% of the city's general fund budget.
- \* 80% paid by businesses and 20% paid by residents.
- \* Measure C maintains the current revenue cap and no individual company in Carson will pay more than \$1 million in utility user's tax per year.
- \* Measure C will maintain the senior citizen and low-income family current exemptions
  - If you are a resident 62 or older.
  - If you make less than \$29,050 for a family of one to \$41,500 for a family of four.

# Important Facts about Measure C

- ❖ Preserves existing citizen's budget oversight committee.
- ❖ Average residence pays between \$3 and \$5 per month.
- ❖ Annually the Top Ten UUT Tax Payers are:
  - ❖ Tesoro - \$1,035,884
  - ❖ Phillips 66 - \$729,345
  - ❖ Watson Cogeneration - \$85,391
  - ❖ Constellation New Energy - \$53,078
  - ❖ Noble America - \$44,413
  - ❖ United Energy Trading - \$20,021
  - ❖ Shell Energy North America - \$17,695
  - ❖ Direct Energy Business - \$9,887
  - ❖ Pacific Summit Energy - \$7,391
  - ❖ Pilot Power Group - \$6,091

## How Does Measure C Compare with Other Local UUT's?

<b>Utility Users' Tax by Comparison</b>	
<b>Cities with UUT</b>	<b>UUT Rate</b>
<b>Carson</b>	<b>2%</b>
Lakewood	3%
Rancho Palos Verdes	3%
L.A. County (Unincorporated)	4.5%
Redondo Beach	4.75%
Gardena	5%
Long Beach	5%
Downey	5%
Hawthorne	5%
Lawndale	5.5%
Norwalk	5.5%
Paramount	5.5%
Hermosa Beach	6%
Torrance	6.5%
Bellflower	7%
Lynwood	9%
Compton	10%
Inglewood	10%
L.A. City	10%
Seal Beach	11%

# The UUT and Carson's Budget

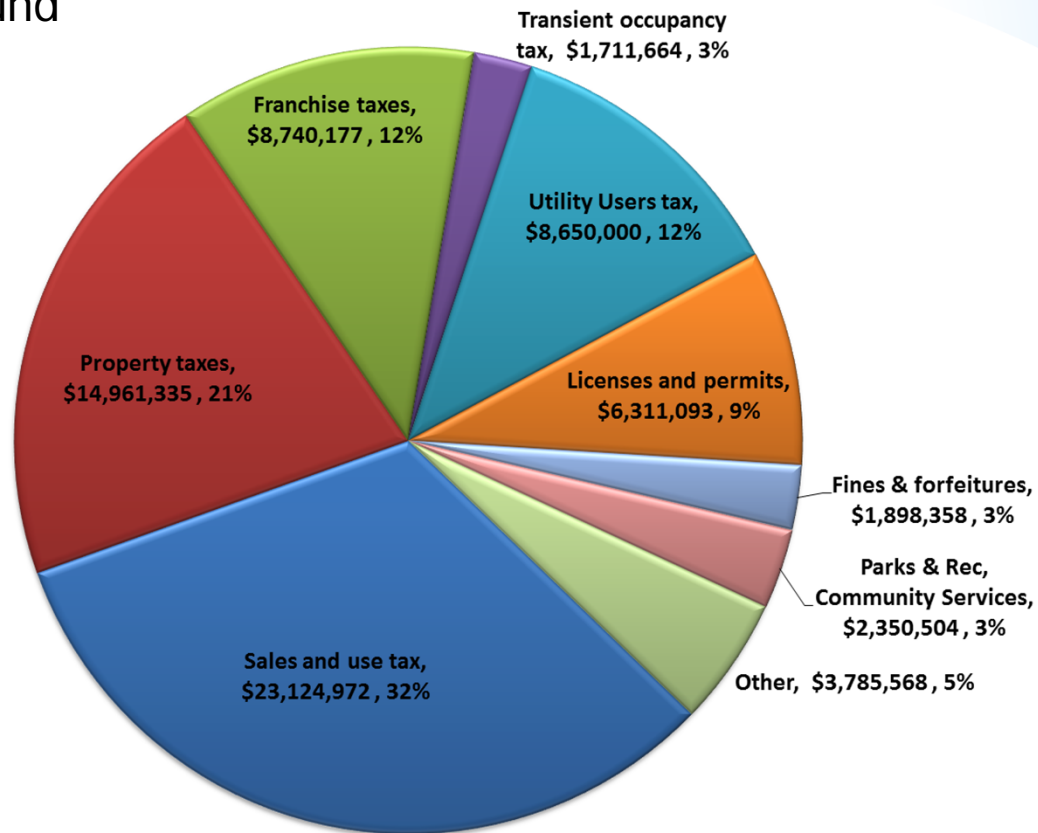
The City serves about 93,000 residents, providing

- \* Public Safety
- \* Streets & Parks Maintenance
- \* Recreation & Human Services Programs
- \* Planning & Land Use
- \* Citizen Outreach and Programs

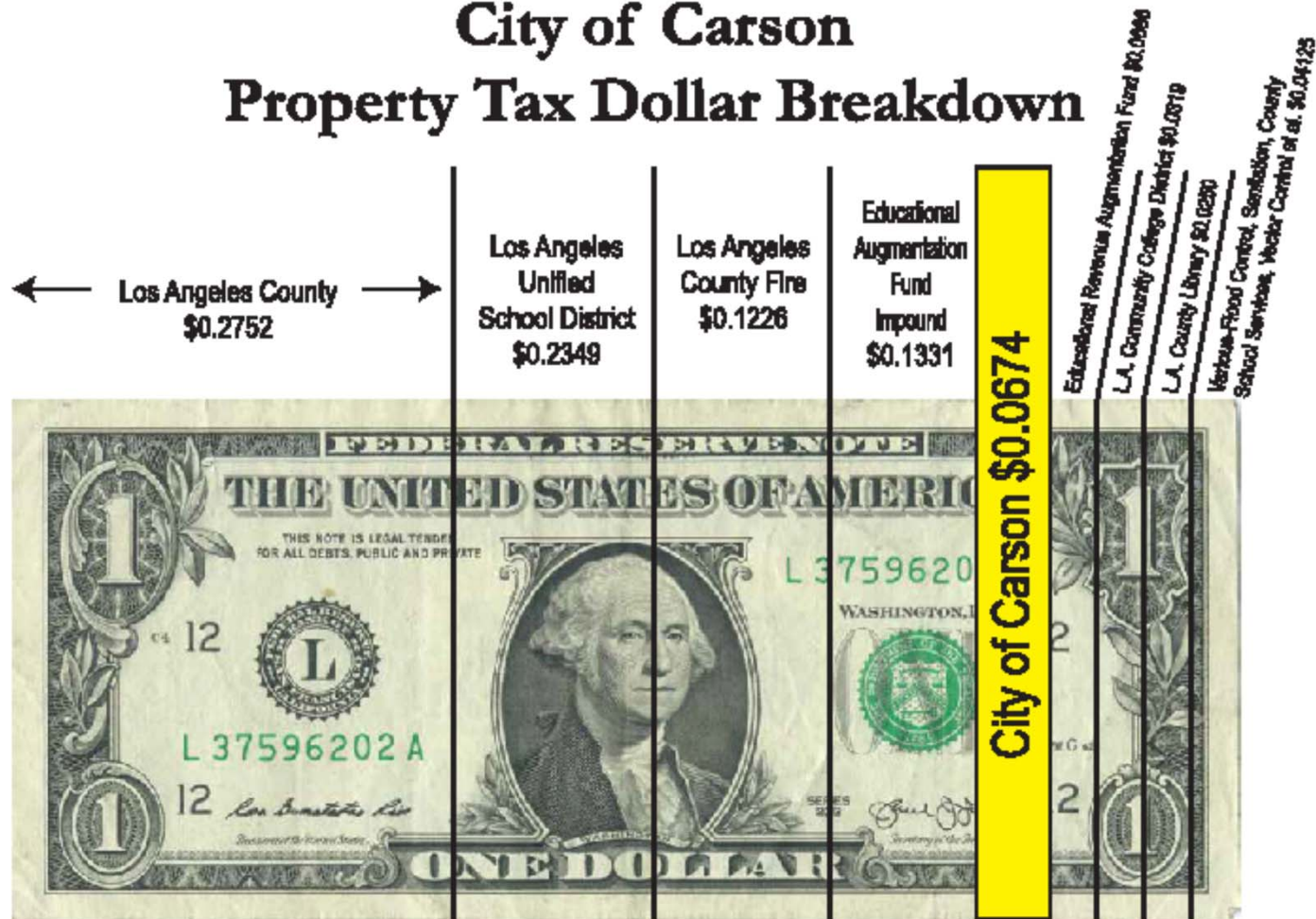
FY15-16 <i>in millions</i>	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$71.5	\$72.7
Special Revenue Funds	27.0	29.3
Totals	\$98.5	\$102.0

# Revenue Sources

## General Fund



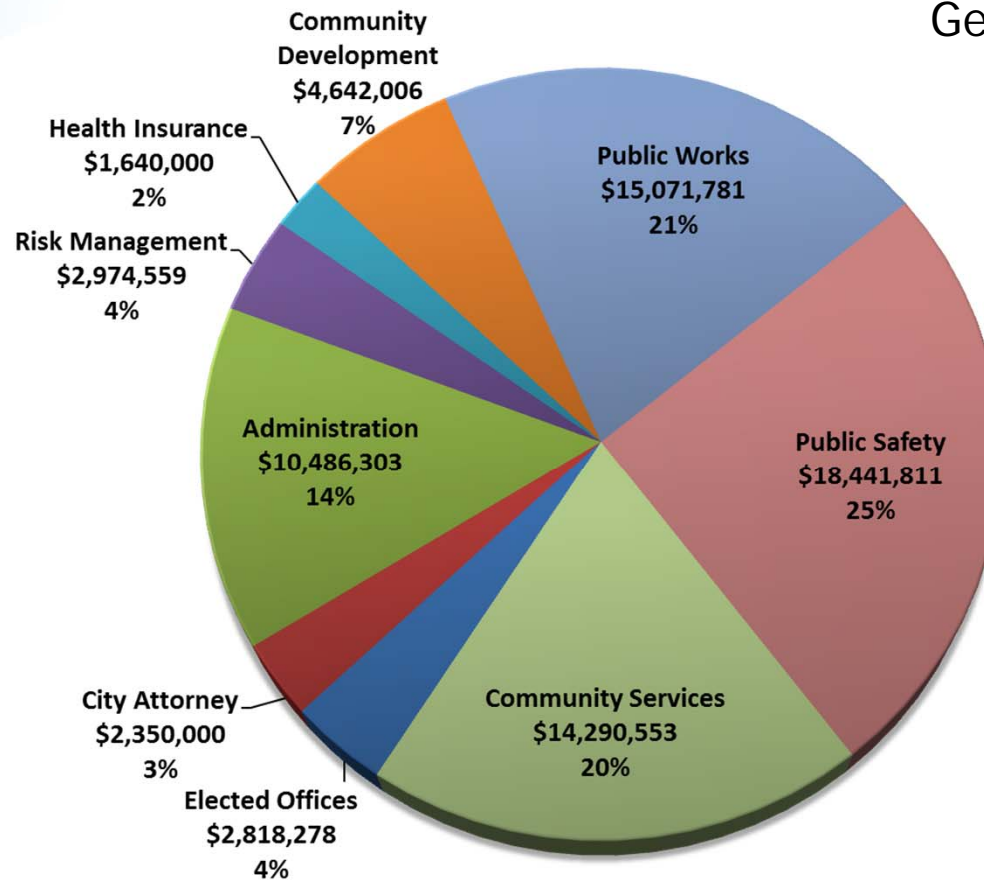
# City of Carson Property Tax Dollar Breakdown





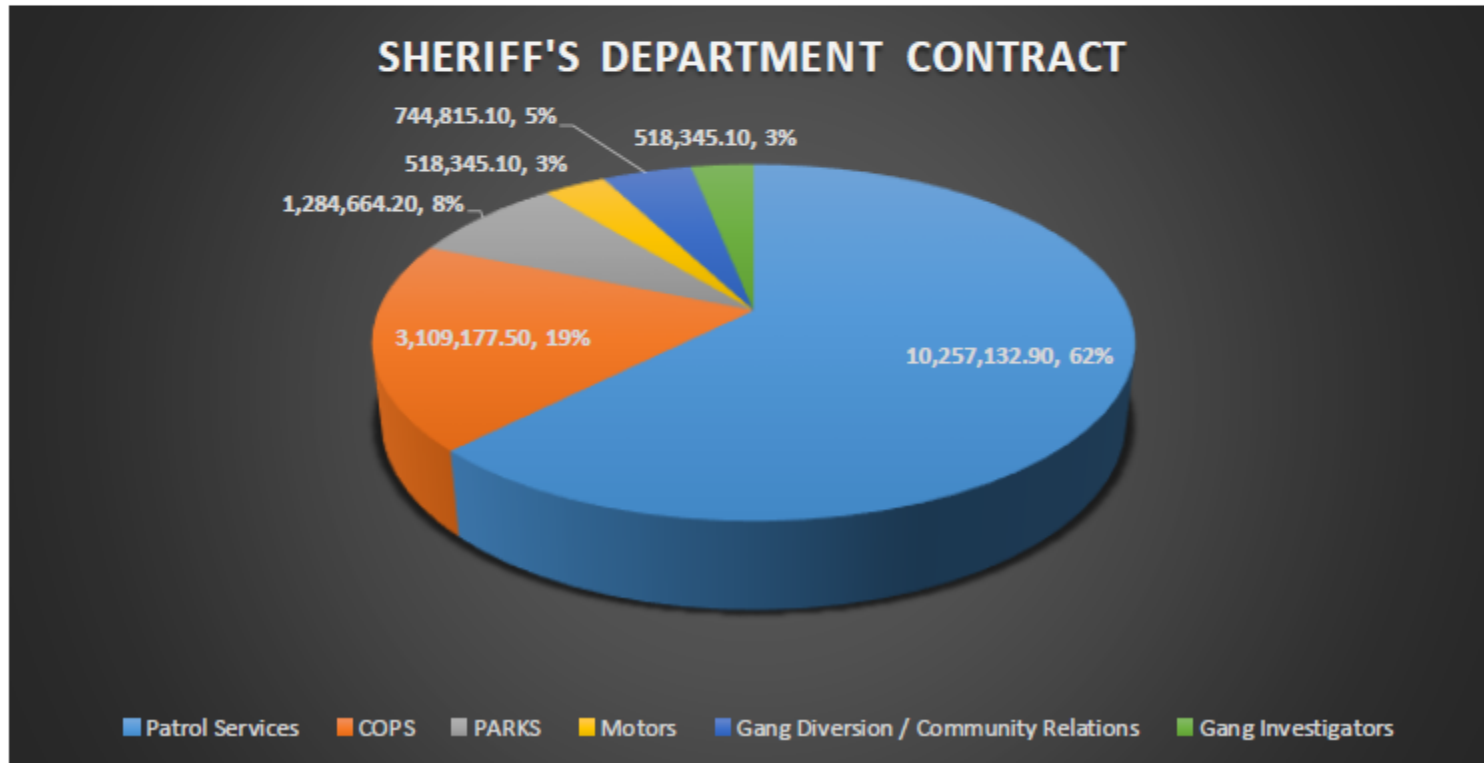
# Expenditures

## General Fund



## City of Carson 2015 Contract

The City of Carson contracts with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for general law enforcement services. The total annual cost for these services in 2015 totaled \$16,432,479.90. In addition to the general policing services, the city of Carson adds additional services to enhance public safety and crime prevention. These additional services included: two (2) community policing teams, one (1) park enforcement team, two (2) motorcycle deputies, two (2) gang investigators, one (1) community relations team and the Gang Diversion program.



# Measure C - PUBLIC SAFETY

- \* 1. Sheriff's Contract - \$13.3 million
- \* 2. COPS Team - \$2.6 million
- \* 3. Park Safety Enforcement - \$1.2 million
- \* 3. Citation Processing - \$78,000
- \* 5. Alarm System - \$99,100
- \* 6. Public Prosecutor - \$95,000
- \* 7. Building Security - \$70,000
- \* 8. SouthBay Pavilion Shared Security - \$167,443
- \* 9. Parking Enforcement - \$152,030
- \* 10. Animal Control - \$260,000
- \* 11. Pedestrian Security - \$148,000
- \* 12. Graffiti Tracker - \$21,000

\* TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET = \$18.4 million

# Measure C - Funds Other Municipal Services

- ❖ 911 Medical Response
- ❖ Senior programs, including the City's stroke recovery center and technology center
- ❖ Helps fund youth recreation, sports and after school programs
- ❖ Continues sidewalk and street repairs
- ❖ Protects City Services from State Budget "raids"

# Why Does the City Need the Extension?

- City needed the UUT in 2009 to deal with the economic impacts of the Great Recession and to maintain basic city services.
- The Great Recession lasted longer and was deeper than any economist predicted.
- City lost three car dealerships in this time span, resulting in the loss of sales tax revenues.
- City has not fully recovered from economic downturn - i.e., property tax revenues have been flat.
- State dissolved all redevelopment agencies in 2011 - resulting in a loss of \$30 million annually to the City of Carson.
- UUT Revenues are declining due to solar installations, from \$9.1 million in 2009 to estimated \$8 million in 2016.

## Measure C - Where Can I Get More Information?

- ❖ City staff can provide information on Measure C, but cannot advocate for the measure.
- ❖ City Council Adopted Resolution No. 16-005 unanimously supporting Measure C.
- ❖ The Utility Users' Tax Citizen's Budget Oversight Committee supports Measure C.
- ❖ Information on Measure C is available on the City's Website - [www.ci.carson.ca.us](http://www.ci.carson.ca.us)
- ❖ You can contact City Hall at 310-952-1731 for information and exemption forms.
- ❖ Voter Registration Forms - City Clerk's Office - 310-952-1720.

# Remember to Vote on June 7th

## Questions?

