

Maintaining Lincoln

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: What's the issue?

A: We are proud of the fact that Lincoln is the safest city in the County and a great place to live, work and raise a family. We are working hard to maintain 911 emergency response times, and police and fire services while maintaining fiscal accountability, but state and national policies, including both takeaways and unfunded mandates, have made it more difficult for us to provide the services, including public safety, that our community has come to expect.

Q: What priorities has the community identified?

A: According to a survey, public safety tops community priorities.

- 94% say maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response is vital
- 92% prioritize fire protection and response services
- 88% support efforts to attract and retain police officers
- 86% value keeping public areas and parks healthy, safe, and clean
- 83% want to maintain fire and police staffing levels
- 82% want to retain and attract local businesses

Q: Why doesn't Lincoln have paramedics?

A: Most calls to the fire department are for medical emergencies. Our goal is to expand services by adding paramedics with more advanced lifesaving equipment. Unfortunately, we cannot afford to expand our medical response team under the current budget.

Q: How much of Lincoln's budget goes to public safety?

A: 71% of Lincoln's General Fund is dedicated to police and fire. Additionally, the Public Safety Tax Share Fund 101 was established through a limited-term agreement with Placer County for an extra share of property tax revenue. This Fund currently supports 15 essential public safety (police and fire) positions and related equipment. Without alternative revenue, these positions may be at risk when the agreement expires.

Q: Why is the City asking for input at this time?

A: In the face of our current financial constraints, the City of Lincoln is committed to transparency and community engagement. We are looking for ways to prevent public safety cuts, while ensuring the long-term financial health of our community. This includes a comprehensive review of city operations, prioritizing projects, and seeking input from our residents on their preferences for the allocation of resources.

Q: How can I provide input?

A: Join the conversation by completing an online community survey at www.lincolncalifornia.gov/MaintainingLincoln. If you are a representative of a community organization and want to hear more, the City Manager's office at webfeedback@lincolncalifornia.gov to schedule a member of the Lincoln team to present at your organization's next meeting.