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## **Sheriff Contract Townhall Results Reveal Clear Priorities: Maintain Safety, Rejection of Deep Budget Cuts**

CUPERTINO, CA – The City of Cupertino, in partnership with Los Altos Hills and Saratoga, convened a large-scale Telephone Town Hall on April 14 that engaged nearly 4,300 participants across the three cities—demonstrating strong regional interest in the future of public safety funding and services.

The Town Hall connected residents by phone and online to discuss Santa Clara County’s proposed 36% increase to sheriff service contract costs. The costs are even higher for Cupertino, reflecting a 39% increase. City leaders shared updates, outlined key points of their counterproposal, and encouraged public input to ensure the community has a direct role in shaping the path forward.

### **Polling Data Reflects Clear Community Priorities**

Live polling—conducted among a subset of participating residents who chose to respond—provides a clear snapshot of community sentiment:

- **Satisfaction with Sheriff Services:** A strong majority of respondents (85%) reported being satisfied or very satisfied with current services, indicating high confidence in service quality.
- **Budget Cuts to Fund Cost Increases:** A plurality of respondents (43%) opposed cutting other essential city services to fund the proposed increase, while only a small share supported such cuts. A significant portion remained uncertain, underscoring concern about potential trade-offs.
- **Exploring Alternative Public Safety Models:** A majority of respondents (60%) supported exploring alternative service delivery models, reflecting openness to this approach.

“The feedback from our community was clear,” said Mayor Kitty Moore. “People value the quality of public safety services we receive today, and they also expect us to be responsible and transparent about how those services are funded moving forward. We are bringing that message forward in every conversation with the County.”

The City of Cupertino remains committed to keeping residents informed as discussions continue. The City will continue working with regional partners to pursue a balanced solution that reflects community priorities while maintaining long-term fiscal responsibility and service quality. Learn more at <https://sheriff-contract-facts.com/>

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