

El Sobrante Resident Sheriff Deputy Information Sheet.



Call by El Sobrante residents for enhanced law enforcement:

Supervisor John Gioia and Sheriff David Livingston have been approached by a group of community leaders in El Sobrante to explore the possibility of creating a parcel tax that would fund a 40 hour per week Resident Deputy Sheriff to provide enhanced law enforcement services in unincorporated El Sobrante.

What would the Resident Sheriff Deputy do for our community?

Currently, one Sheriff Deputy is assigned to patrol unincorporated El Sobrante. The high volume of calls for service makes it harder for the Sheriff Deputy to respond to quality of life issues. This new Resident Sheriff Deputy would be dedicated to El Sobrante and would focus on quality of life issues and other community concerns including burglaries, homelessness, neighborhood watch and crime prevention activities.

What hours of the week will be covered in the 40 hour/week position?

The hours for the Resident Sheriff Deputy patrol are flexible, and will be determined by the needs and priorities of the community.

If the Resident Deputy is funded, will the Sheriff reduce the number of Beat Deputies currently deployed?

NO. The Resident Sheriff Deputy is designed to supplement, not replace, existing staffing and provide a higher level of dedicated service for El Sobrante.

How will a Resident Sheriff Deputy be funded?

The annual cost of a Sheriff Deputy and vehicle is approximately \$293,000. This cost includes a vehicle, salary and benefits, communications costs, on-going professional training, and is subject to change based on future wage and/or benefit increases. To support a 40 hour per week resident deputy, a property owner would pay an additional \$59 on their annual property tax bill.

How is a parcel tax passed?

Registered voters in El Sobrante would need a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass a parcel tax to fund enhanced police services.

Can the County use the tax money for purposes other than enhanced law enforcement in El Sobrante?

NO. California law requires extended dedicated police service monies to be spent within the defined geographic area approved by the voters. Consequently, the funds collected from any new parcel tax in El Sobrante can ONLY be used to fund the El Sobrante Resident Sheriff Deputy.

Who should I contact if I have questions or comments about this?

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