

CITY OF TURLOCK COMMUNITY ISSUES SURVEY 220-5685

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a.	The City of Turlock	1			2		3
b.	Your local neighborhood	1			2		3
2.	Now, I am going to read you the name Turlock. After I mention each one, plea organization or individual. If you have have enough information to have an UNFAVORABLE, ASK: "Is that v (RANDOMIZE)	use tell me if y never heard o nopinion, yo	ou have a f the indivou can tel	favorable of idual or org	or unfavora ganization l too. (II	ble opinion mention, FAVOR	n of that or don't RABLE /
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[]a.	Turlock City government	1	2	3	4	5	6
[]b.	The Turlock Fire Department	1	2	3	4	5	6
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[]c.	The Turlock City Council	1	2	3	4	5	6
[]d.	The Turlock Police Department	1	2	3	4	5	6

3.	Next, in your personal opinion, do you think the City of Turlock has a great need for additional funding,
	some need, a little need or no real need for additional funds to provide the level of City services that
	Turlock residents need and want?

(DON'T READ) DK/NA	5
No real need	4
A little need	3
Some need	2
Great need	1

4. I'd now like to ask you about a potential local measure that may appear on the ballot in an upcoming election. This measure may read as follows: (**READ SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY**)

"TURLOCK PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE. Shall the measure to maintain police/fire protection, emergency medical response, anti-gang/drug programs; keep public areas safe/ clean; address homelessness/vagrancy; repair streets, potholes, sidewalks; retain/attract local businesses; maintain youth/after-school and senior programs, parks, other general services, shall the measure establishing a one-cent sales tax providing approximately fifteen million dollars annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, citizens oversight, public disclosure of spending, all funds used locally, be adopted?"

If the election were held today, do you think you would vote "yes" in favor of this measure or "no" to oppose it? (IF YES/NO, ASK: "Is that definitely or just probably YES/NO?") (IF UNDECIDED, DK/NA, ASK: "Do you lean toward voting yes or no?")

Definitely yes	1
Probably yes	2
Undecided, lean yes	3
Undecided, lean no	4
Probably no	5
Definitely no (
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	

(SPLIT SAMPLE C ONLY)

5. What if instead of a one cent sales tax, this City of Turlock ballot measure established a three-quarters of a cent sales tax, which generates approximately 11 million dollars annually, would you vote yes in favor of it or no to oppose it? (IF YES/NO, ASK: "Is that definitely (YES/NO) or probably (YES/NO)?") (IF UNDECIDED/DK/NA, ASK: "Well, do you lean towards voting yes or no?")

Definitely yes	1
Probably yes	2
Lean yes	3
Lean no	4
Probably no	5
Definitely no	6
(DON'T READ) Don't know/NA	7

(SPLIT SAMPLE D ONLY)

6. What if this City of Turlock ballot measure established a one-half cent sales tax, which generates approximately seven point five million dollars annually, would you vote yes in favor of it or no to oppose

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8. Next, I'm going to mention a series of issues some people say might be problems for residents of Turlock. After you hear each issue, please tell me whether you personally consider it to be an extremely serious, very serious, somewhat serious or not too serious problem. (RANDOMIZE)

[]a.	The amount you have to pay in City fees	EXT SER <u>PROB</u> 1	VERY SER <u>PROB</u> 2	SMWT SER <u>PROB</u> 3	NOT TOO SER <u>PROB</u> 4	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u> 5
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)					
[]b.	Crime, gangs and drugs					
[]c.	The number of homeless residents in the city	· 1	2	3	4	5
[]d.	The condition of <u>neighborhood streets</u>	1	2	3	4	5
[]e.	Traffic congestion					
[]f.	Not enough street lighting	1	2	3	4	5
[]g.	Not enough local parks	1	2	3	4	5
[]h.	Not enough new housing being built	1	2	3	4	5
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)					
[]i.	Not enough police officers on city streets	· 1	2	3	4	5
[]j.	Homelessness	· 1	2	3	4	5
[]k.	The condition of major roads and thoroughfares	· 1	2	3	4	5
[]1.	The time it takes for firefighters and emergency					
	medical technicians to respond to a 9-1-1					
	emergency call					
[]m.	Waste and inefficiency in city government	1	2	3	4	5
[]n.	The condition of local parks					
[]o.	The cost of housing	1	2	3	4	5

(RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS)

9. Let's return to the CITY OF TURLOCK PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE you considered earlier. I am now going to read you a list of possible projects, features, and provisions that might be included in this City of Turlock ballot measure. Regardless of how you feel about this measure, please tell me how important it is to you personally that each provision or use of funds is included in the measure: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important. (RANDOMIZE)

		EXT IMP.	VERY <u>IMP.</u>	SMWT IMP.	NOT TOO IMP.	(DK/ <u>NA)</u>
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)					
[]a.	Maintaining police protection	1	2	3	4	5
[]b.	Maintaining fire protection	1	2	3	4	5
[]c.	Maintaining emergency medical technicians	1	2	3	4	5
[]d.	<u>Improving</u> 9-1-1 emergency response	1	2	3	4	5
[]e.	Maintaining anti-gang and anti-drug programs	1	2	3	4	5
[]f.	Addressing homelessness and vagrancy	1	2	3	4	5
[]g.	Repairing sidewalks	1	2	3	4	5
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		IMP.	IMP.	IMP.	IMP.	NA)

[]h.	Maintaining youth and after-school programs	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]i.	Upgrading police officer equipment, including body					
	cameras, vehicles and bullet proof vests	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]j.	Recruiting and retaining experienced police officers	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]k.	Increasing enforcement of local codes to protect property					
	and make our community safer and cleaner	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]1.	Maintaining school safety officers					
[]m.	Preventing fire station closures					
[]n.	Improving traffic flow					
[]o.	Replacing outdated streetlights	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]p.	Upgrading emergency communications systems	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]q.	Increasing the supply of affordable housing	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]r.	Requiring public disclosure of spending	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]s.	Requiring audits	- 1	2	3	4	5
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)					
[]t.	Improving police protection	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]u.	Improving fire protection	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]v.	Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency medical response services	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]w.	Keeping public areas safe and clean	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]x.	Repairing deteriorating streets and potholes	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]y.	Retaining and attracting local businesses	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]z.	Maintaining City parks	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]aa.	Investigating and preventing property crimes	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]bb.	Increasing police patrols of neighborhoods, parks and					
	recreation areas					
[]cc.	Maintaining senior services	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]dd.	Increasing cleanup of homeless encampments					
[]ee.	Upgrading outdated emergency response vehicles and					
	equipment such as cardiac monitors, defibrillators and jaws					
	of life	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]ff.	Upgrading first responder training for dealing with					
	emergencies such as active shooter situations	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]gg.	Repairing sidewalks and other local infrastructure	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]hh.	Improving traffic safety	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]ii.	Increasing walking and biking trails	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]jj.	Repairing and upgrading parks, playgrounds and sports					
r JJJ.	fields	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]kk.	Requiring citizens' oversight	- 1	2	3	4	5
[]]]].	Requiring all funds used locally	- 1	2	3	4	5
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10. Now, I am going to read you some statements from people who may <u>support</u> the **CITY OF TURLOCK PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE** you have been considering. After each statement, please tell me whether you find it very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not convincing as a reason to vote <u>yes</u> to support the measure. If you do not believe the statement, please tell me that instead. (**RANDOMIZE**)

		VERY CONV	SMWT CONV	NOT CONV	DON'T BELV	(DON'T READ) DK/NA
[]a.	(ACCOUNTABILITY) This measure contains tough					
	fiscal accountability by requiring annual independent					
	financial audits, citizen oversight, and public disclosure of					
	spending and ensures that all funds remain in Turlock and					
	cannot be taken by the County or State government. These					
	fiscal safeguards will make sure funds are used efficiently,			2		_
F 31	effectively and as promised	[2	3	4	5
[]b.	(FIRE PROTECTION) In 2019, Turlock Firefighters					
	responded to more than 7,000 calls for service, an all-time					
	high for the city. However as emergency calls increased,					
	Fire Department staffing actually decreased. Looking ahead, without this measure the City will have to cut					
	additional firefighting positions which would force the					
	closure of one of its four fire stations. This will drastically					
	increase fire and emergency medical response times in that					
	area of the city. In some instances, these times could					
	double. This measure helps maintain effective fire and					
	emergency medical response services to ensure residents					
	receive the timely help they need in an emergency	1	2	3	4	5
[]c.	(PUBLIC SAFETY) Due to population growth in					
	Turlock, we are now 34 police officers below accepted					
	standards for a city our size and crime was up 4 percent					
	last year because the City did not have the resources to					
	fully fund officer overtime payments, crime prevention					
	and response programs that had led to reduced crime					
	for three straight years. This measure will improve local					
	public safety by allowing for proactive crime					
	prevention, increasing traffic safety, and improving the					
	9-1-1 emergency response center so it can continue					
	handling calls from our community during times of	1	2	2	4	~
	crisis	1	2	3	4	5

[]d.	(STREETS) Independent engineers gave the condition of Turlock's streets and roads a rating of 57 out of 100, which is nearly 10 points worse than five years ago. This measure will provide the funding needed to properly maintain our streets, which will make them safer for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists and will help reduce the need of drivers to make costly pothole-related car repairs. We need to address this infrastructure need now, rather than letting it worsen which will cost all of us more in the long run		SMWT <u>CONV</u>	NOT <u>CONV</u>	DON'T <u>BELV</u>	(DON'T READ) <u>DK/NA</u>
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)					
[]e.	(CUTS) As a result of reduced federal, state and county funding, increased demand for City services and increased costs to provide services to residents, the City of Turlock faces a multi-million dollar funding shortfall over the next few years. If this measure is not approved, the City may be forced to cut police and fire protection, emergency medical technicians, 9-1-1 emergency response, street and pothole repairs, afterschool programs, and other vital services (GANGS) Gang-related crimes have expanded into our city including violent crimes, weapons, drug sales and human trafficking as the City has not had the resources to keep up with changes in state law that reduced jail time and led to the early release of career criminals. This measure allows the Turlock Police Department to restore its anti-gang, street crime and Special Investigations units that crack down on gangs and gang-related crime in our community to make it even safer	1 ne				
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY)					
[]g.	(QUALITY OF LIFE) People choose to live in Turlock because it offers a better quality of life than other nearby communities. This measure will provide the local services that strengthen our community, improve property values and keep Turlock a more desirable, safe place to live, do business and raise a family. ————————————————————————————————————					
	gangs and drugs, and out of trouble	1	2	3	4	5

11. Now that you have heard more about it, let me ask you again about this measure which may read as follows:

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If the election were held today, do you think you would vote "yes" in favor of this measure or "no" to oppose it? (IF YES/NO, ASK: "Is that definitely or just probably YES/NO?") (IF UNDECIDED, DK/NA, ASK: "Do you lean toward voting yes or no?")

Definitely yes	1
Probably yes	2
Undecided, lean yes	3
Undecided, lean no	4
Probably no	5
Definitely no	6
(DON'T READ) DK/NA	7

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12. I am now going to read you some statements that could be made by people who oppose the possible local ballot measure you have been considering. After hearing each statement, please tell me whether you find it very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not convincing as a reason to vote <u>no</u> to oppose the measure. If you do not believe the statement, please tell me that instead. (**RANDOMIZE**)

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		VERY	SMWT	NOT	DON'T	READ)
		<u>CONV</u>	CONV	CONV	BELV	DK/NA
[]a.	(TAXES) California homeowners were hit hard by the					
	new federal tax law, the state's gas tax went up 12 cents					
	and other state and local taxes are going up. We simply					
	cannot afford to pay higher taxes right now, especially a					
	sales tax that will hurt working families and seniors living					
	on fixed incomes who are dealing with rising prices for		_			
	housing, healthcare, gas and food	1	2	3	4	5
(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY)					
[]b.	(ENOUGH FUNDS) The City is sitting on a seven					
	million-dollar reserve fund. The City should focus on					
	using these funds first before asking residents for more					
	E	1	2	2	4	~
	money	I	2	3	4	5

(ASK	SPLIT SAMPLE A ONLY, CONTINUED)	VERY CONV	SMWT CONV	NOT CONV	DON'T BELV	(DON'T READ) DK/NA
[]c.	(WASTE & PENSIONS) The City is in this budget mess because it wastes taxpayer money and provides overly generous salaries and pensions to City employees. Voting no will force the City to do a better job of managing its money, be more fiscally responsible and implement a pension reform plan	1	2	3	4	5
(ASK []d.	SPLIT SAMPLE B ONLY) (BAD FOR GROWTH) Instead of raising taxes, the City should be working to bring in jobs and new economic activity to improve our community and make the City stronger. This measure does the opposite – it will drive away businesses and hurt our local economy (BLANK CHECK) There is nothing in this ballot	1	2	3	4	5
[Je.	measure that requires any of the money to be used for public safety services or any of the other programs mentioned in the description. In reality, the City can just use it to fund pet projects. We need to vote no on this blank check for City Hall.	1	2	3	4	5

13. Sometimes over the course of a survey like this one people change their minds and sometimes they do not. Let me ask you again about this measure that may read as follows:

"TURLOCK PUBLIC SAFETY/COMMUNITY SERVICES MEASURE. Shall the measure to maintain police/fire protection, emergency medical response, anti-gang/drug programs; keep public areas safe/ clean; address homelessness/vagrancy; repair streets, potholes, sidewalks; retain/attract local businesses; maintain youth/after-school and senior programs, parks, other general services, shall the measure establishing a one-cent sales tax providing approximately fifteen million dollars annually until ended by voters, requiring audits, citizens oversight, public disclosure of spending, all funds used locally, be adopted?"

If there were an election today, do you think you would vote "Yes" in favor of it or "No" to oppose it? (IF YES/NO, ASK: "Is that definitely or just probably YES/NO?") (IF UNDECIDED/DK/NA, ASK: "What are you leaning towards, voting YES, or voting NO?")

Definitely yes 1	
Probably yes 2)
Undecided, lean yes 3	,
Undecided, lean no 4	ŀ
Probably no 5	,
Definitely no 6	,
(DON'T READ) DK/NA/REFUSED 7	,

14.	a cent sales tax, which generates of it or no to oppose it? (IF YE	s tax, this City of Turlock ballot measure est approximately 11 million dollars annually, v CS/NO, ASK: "Is that definitely (YES/NO) K: "Well, do you lean towards voting yes on	would you vote yes in favor or probably (YES/NO)?")
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		Probably yes	
		Lean yes	
		Lean no	
		Probably no	
		Definitely no	
		(DON'T READ) Don't know/NA	7
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		Tis that definitely (YES/NO) or probatively, do you lean towards voting yes or not be probably yes	?")
		(DON'T READ) Don't know/NA	7
(RES	SUME ASKING ALL RESPOND	ENTS)	
	THE FOLLOWING	ARE THE FINAL QUESTIONS, WHIC	CH ARE
	JUST FO	OR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES.	
(ONI QX.	NLINE ONLY) . What is your gender?		
<u>_</u>		Male	1
		Female	2
		Other	3

Prefer not to answer ----- 4

16. What was the last level of school you completed?		you completed?
		Grades 1-8 1
		Grades 9-112
		High School Graduate (12) 3
		Some College 4
		Business/Vocational School 5
		College Graduate (4) 6
		Post-Graduate Work/Professional
		School7
		(DON'T READ) DK/Refused 8
	identify yourself. Is it? (REAI	Hispanic or Latino 1 African-American 2
		Asian or Pacific Islander 3
		Caucasian/white4
		Assyrian 5
		Another group, or mixed6
		(DON'T READ) DK/NA/Refused7
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REGISTRATION:		Democrat 1
		Republican2
		No Party Preference 3
		Other 4

<u>FLAGS</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{AGE}}$
P10 1	18-24
G10 2	25-29
P12 3	30-34
G12 4	35-39
P145	40-44
G14 6	45-49
P16 7	50-54
G16 8	55-59
P189	60-64
G1810	65-7410
BLANK11	75+12
	BLANK12
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2 2	D1
3+ 3	D2+ 2
BLANK 4	R13
	R2+
PERMANENT ABSENTEE	I1+
Yes1	Mixed
No2	
	A/B SPLIT SAMPLE
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