



Half-Cent Public Safety Sales Tax

April Ballot Question

December 21, 2021 | City Council Presentation



Ignite! Strategic Plan



Critical Success Factor: City Services & Infrastructure

Sustain and enhance City services to protect a high quality of life.
(public safety, transportation, infrastructure, City workforce)

Community Engagement Results



What does Lee's Summit excel at as a service provider?

01

Most often mentioned services were public safety services from Police, Fire and EMS.

What would make you consider leaving Lee's Summit?

02

Most frequently mentioned was a loss of public safety.

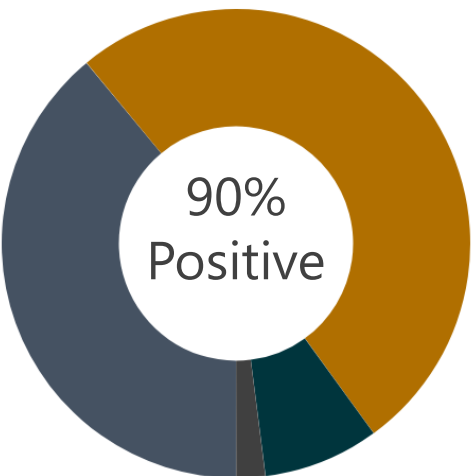
What do you hope Lee's Summit will be known for in the future?

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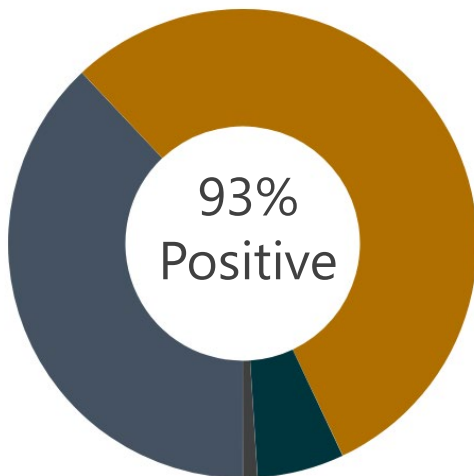
The most common response referenced the City being a safe place.

ETC Citizen Survey 2019

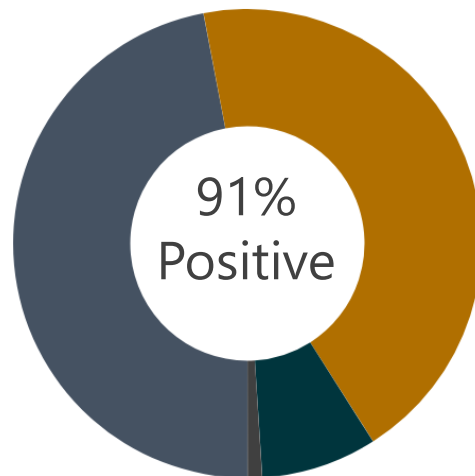
Quality of Life



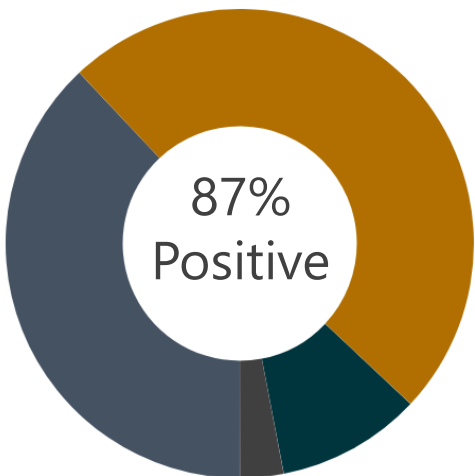
Feeling of Safety



Quality of Fire & EMS



Quality of Police





Recent Service Enhancements

Mental health co-responder in coordination with ReDiscover (funded by a federal grant & CARES Act, fall 2020)

Safe Passage Program – voluntary drug treatment (summer 2019)

Training & wellness sergeant position (January 2022)

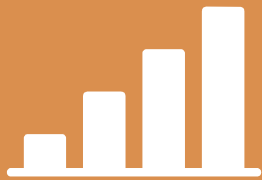
Police/Court building renovation - access & security improvements (summer 2021)

High Performing Outcomes



Safest City in Missouri,
population
50K or higher

(BackgroundCheck.org)



Lee's Summit
crime rate **1.9x**
lower than the
U.S. average



International
Accreditation
Standards
5% of police
departments
accredited in
U.S.





Recent Service Enhancements

- Increased aerial resilience (+ ladder truck)
- Improved response levels (relocation of Fire Station No. 3)
- Increased EMS resilience (+ reserve ambulance)
- Improved outcomes during cardiac arrest incidents (+ LUCAS devices)
- Enhanced respiratory patient care (upgraded portable ventilators)
- Strengthened workforce capacity (+ 4 communications specialists, 2 deputy chiefs, 6 firefighters (overtime reallocation to salaries))

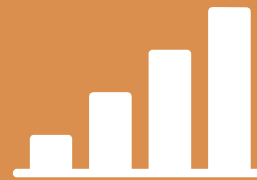
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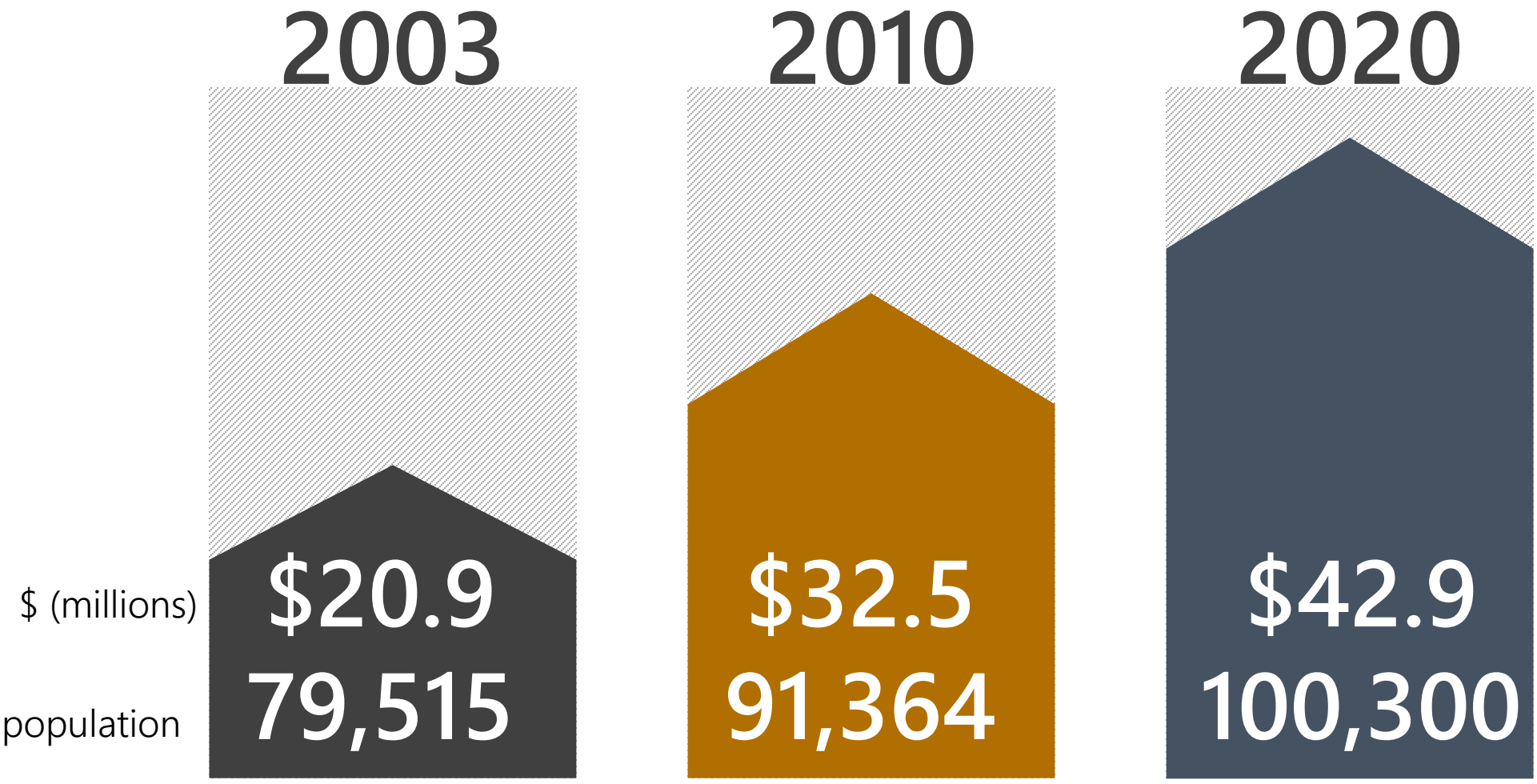
International
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**.01% of Fire
Departments
in the U.S.**



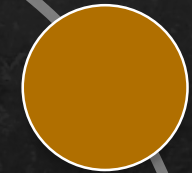
ISO Public
Protection
Class Rating - 2
**Top 4% in
Missouri**



Public Safety Costs /Population



Primary Funding – General Fund



Property Taxes



Sales Taxes



Franchise Fees



Use Taxes

General Fund Responsibilities

Public Safety

Public Works

Development Review

Code Enforcement

Legal/Admin/Legislative Body



Looking Ahead

Critical Elements for Public Safety



Looking Ahead

Public Safety Employees



20%

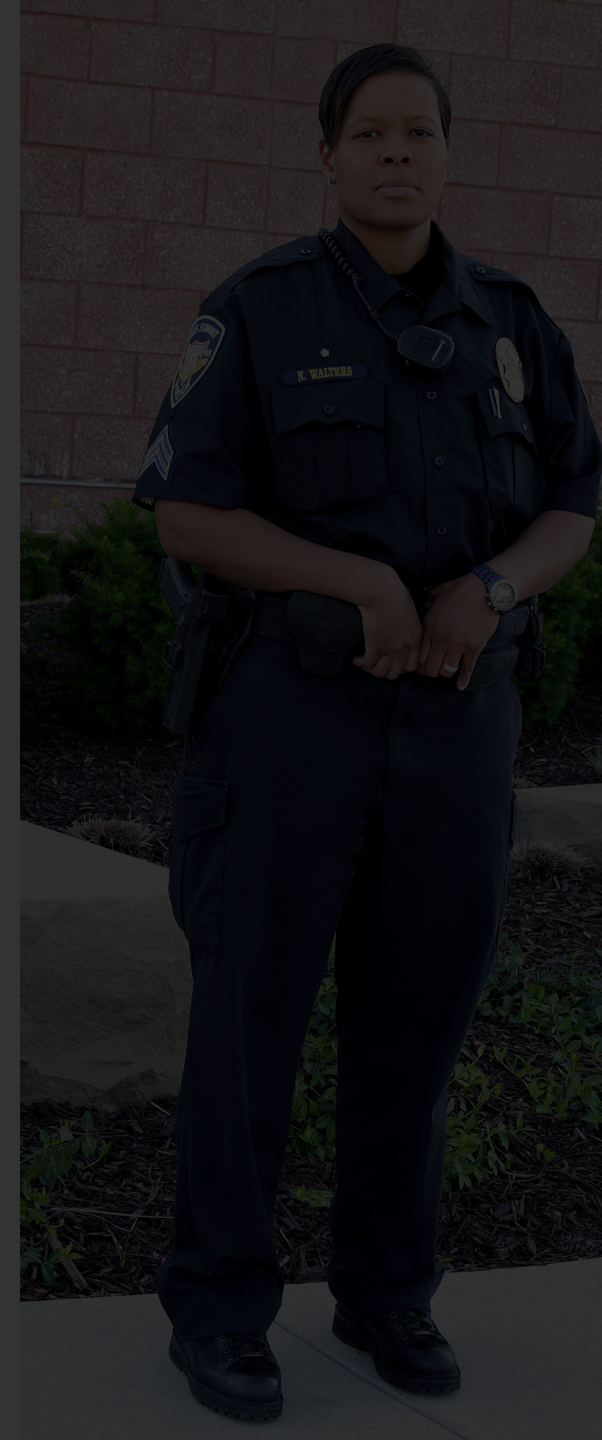
Retirement
eligible today



36%

Retirement
eligible in 5 years

We must remain competitive
in pay to attract & retain
quality employees.





Impact of Half-Cent Public Safety Sales Tax

Attract & retain talent

Expand public services

Improve 911 services

Enrich training programs

Maintain City's fiscal strength

Accreditation Review Statements

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The challenge for the Lee's Summit Police Department is to meet the safety needs of this thriving community. LSPD's long history & emphasis upon community policing, combined with advanced, proven law enforcement methods will be key to maintaining low crime & maximizing safety well into the future.”



Accreditation Review Statements

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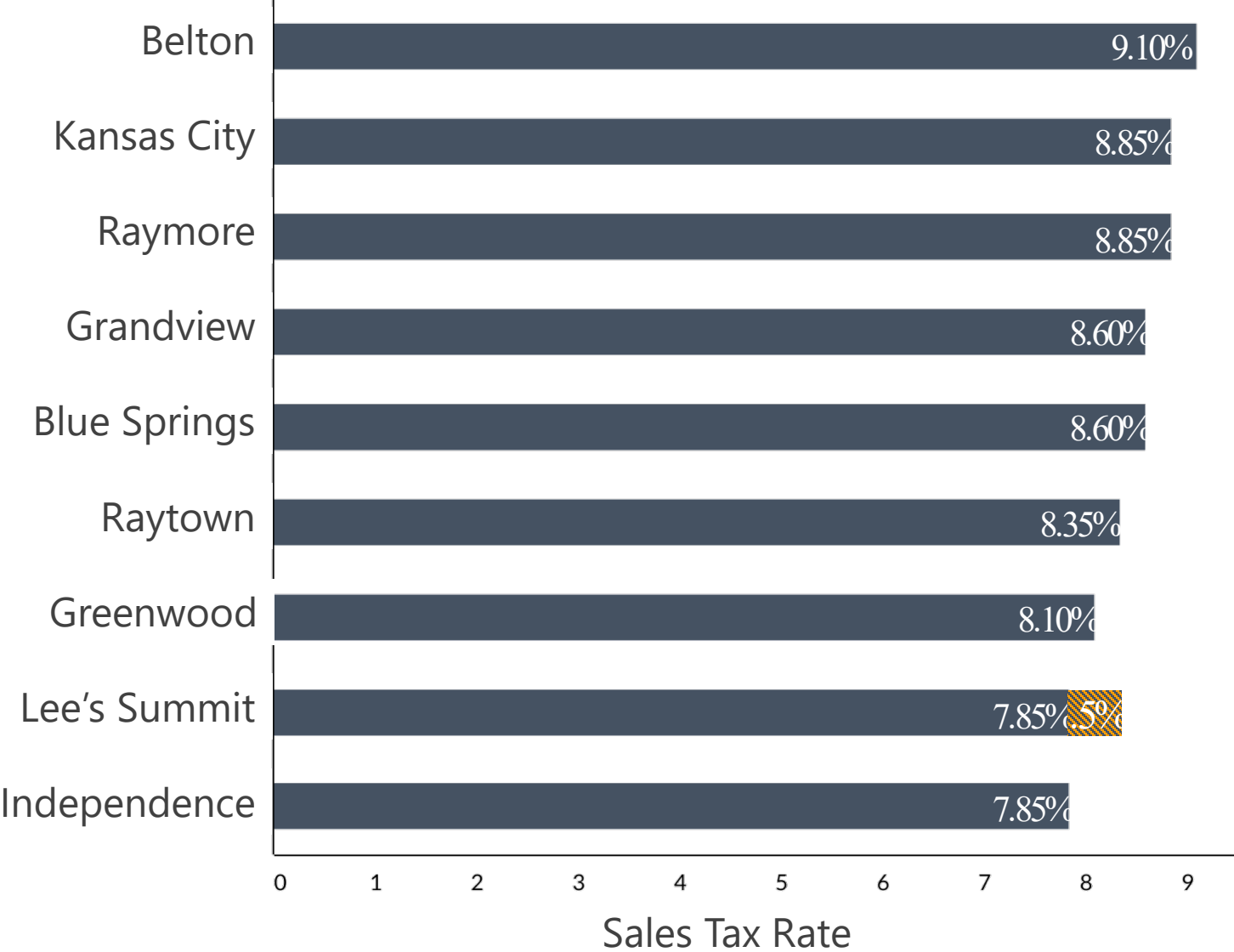
Keys to future success:

- *continue workload staffing analysis*
- *continue technology enhancements*
- *ensure staffing for fire investigation program*
- *implement communication staffing recommendations*

Funding Commitment for Future

- Maintain current general fund amount to public safety
- Public Safety will receive 100% of the public safety tax revenue

Sales Tax Comparison



Proposed Ballot Language



Shall the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, impose a sales tax of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) for public safety purposes?"

Upcoming Dates

