



All About Artesia **Frequently Asked Questions** *on maintaining our City services*

Q: What is All About Artesia?

A: All About Artesia is a community conversation to discuss Artesia City service priorities where we want to make sure we hear from residents, local businesses and every part of the community on what is important to them in shaping the future of Artesia.

Q: What have Artesia residents identified as local priorities?

A: In recent community surveys and public engagement, residents identified the following community service priorities:

- ✓ Maintaining 911 emergency response times
- ✓ Repairing streets and potholes
- ✓ Maintaining gang prevention programs for youth
- ✓ Cleaning and maintaining public areas
- ✓ Maintaining sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and street lighting
- ✓ Maintaining safe routes to schools
- ✓ Maintaining crime prevention programs involving thefts and burglaries

Q: What is the City doing to repair our local streets and roads?

A: Before this year's rainy season, independent engineers rated over one-third of Artesia's streets as "poor" or "very poor" and their condition has worsened this winter. The City is striving to repair our streets and fill potholes. It will be less expensive to repair the streets now than to wait until later.

Q: What is the City doing to address gang activity?

A: At least 130 active gang members are living in Artesia. Additional funding for the Sheriff's Department could improve City-run anti-gang programs for youth.

Q: Who is National Ready Mix and why are they mailing about a sales tax?

A: No decision has been made for the City to place a sales tax measure on the ballot. Last year the City conducted a survey to assess our options for maintaining City services. Through this survey, 62% of respondents agree housing availability is a challenge in Artesia. National Ready Mix is a cement company in Artesia located on Artesia Blvd that currently opposes a proposal to bring additional housing for working families to Artesia. National Ready Mix has launched a ballot initiative against this housing project that would amend the City's zoning and land use regulations but is using anti-tax messaging to garner support for their initiative – which is 100% unrelated to any sales tax.

How can I join the conversation on the future of Artesia?

A: Join All About Artesia by taking the online survey [HERE](#).