### Police and Community Relations City of Vallejo



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## The "New" Economic Environment

- Policing and Crime
- Trust, Legitimacy and Cooperating with Police
- Path Forward: Fostering a Community-Based Dialogue Toward Trust and Community Safety



Decreased Resources for States, Counties, & Cities
Impact Felt Nationwide
Public Services Under Scrutiny
This is Not a Phase, but the "New" Normal



#### **Policing and Crime**

- Role and Mission Remain: Public Safety
- Crime: Nature, Distribution and Patterns
- Declining Number of Officers
- Challenges in Recruitment, Training & Retention
- Traditional "Patrol" Model of Policing Waning
- Policing differently and "Smarter"
- What Defines Police Effectiveness?
- Organizational Adaptation, Impact on Officers, and Community



#### Trust, Legitimacy, and Cooperating with Police

#### Perceptions Matter

- Who "Trusts" the Police?
- Trust, Legitimacy, & Cooperation
- Procedural Justice Matters
- Collective Efficacy, Policing, and Community Safety



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# Path Forward: Fostering a community-based dialogue toward trust and community safety

- Complex Problems, Require Collaborative Solutions
- Building "Community" Policing Through Inclusion, Transparency, & Accountability
- Developing an Understanding of Community and Police
- Draw Upon Strengths of Informal Social Networks to Help with Co-Production of Safety
- Innovative Policing Requires City-wide Approach
- Example: Cincinnati

