What contributes to San Bernardino’s quality of life?
San Bernardino strives to become a model city for its diverse residents. After some financial setbacks, the City is moving forward to create a higher quality of life for those who live, work and play in San Bernardino. Our growing economy is starting to attract more employers to the City, which brings unique opportunities and provides more jobs that create citywide prosperity.

Is the City of San Bernardino still in bankruptcy?
No. The City of San Bernardino exited bankruptcy in 2017 and is still making strides to improve. Over the last few years, the City’s top priority has continued to be building a stronger, more accountable and financially solvent city. While San Bernardino has gone through major changes to ensure the success of our financial goals, City leaders understand there is still more which must be done.

We are proud that despite challenges during the past financial setbacks, the City has been able to maintain our police force and basic services to the community. Today, that commitment to our community remains strong as we begin to see improvements in our local economy.

How is the City moving forward?
As San Bernardino looks to the future, the City is working hard to move our community forward and improve our public safety and city services. In recent years, the City has taken a number of steps to maintain a transparent and open government while controlling costs to making services to our community more efficient. As we continue to evaluate the needs facing our city, it is clear additional funding is needed to strengthen public safety and 911 emergency response, retain and attract businesses, maintain city streets, improve local parks, and create safer and cleaner neighborhoods.

Additionally, approximately 2,400 San Bernardino children are served by our school and summer programs, and our gang and drug prevention programs. We need to prevent reductions to these programs, as they are more important than ever to keep students from dropping out, off the streets and out of trouble.

What other needs are facing the City?
San Bernardino’s streets and roads require substantial repair and repaving at a cost of $200 million. Independent pavement management engineers rate nearly 80% of the roads in San Bernardino as either “poor” or “very poor”.

Additionally, the City needs to maintain storm drains to reduce flooding, repair sidewalks and maintain local parks. We need to address these infrastructure needs now before they get worse and cost more in the long run.
Doesn’t San Bernardino already have a sales tax measure in place to handle public safety?
Yes. In 2006, Measure Z was a general sales tax passed by voters and has provided funding to maintain public safety services and personnel, anti-gang and anti-crime operations which included drug resistance education, and after school youth activities. While this funding produces an estimated $9 million for these city services, it is set to expire in 2022.

In order to accomplish the City’s goals, the City is considering a similar potential measure in order to continue funding these services.

For more information on Measure Z and the community oversight committee reports, please visit: http://www.sbcity.org/measureZ

What specific needs is the City looking to address?
As San Bernardino continues to evaluate the needs facing our city, it is clear additional funding is needed to address residents growing concerns, including:

- Strengthening public safety and 911 emergency response
- Retaining and attracting businesses
- Maintaining city streets
- Improving local parks
- Creating safer and cleaner neighborhoods

How can I learn more or provide feedback?
You can learn more or take our online survey to provide feedback at http://www.sbcity.org/movingforward. You can also contact the City Manager’s Office at 909-384-5122 or sbinfo@sbcity.org with any questions or comments.