

Community Priority Survey

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Comments with Ratings from Paper Surveys

Reduce spending on police dept, combine with other local PD such as Rohnert Park Police. Improve entire area between La Plaza Park and 101.

More enforcement and consequences for neighbors with unsightly property, loud parties and fire hazards such as piled up trash, parking vehicles on dry lawns, etc.

We need the upraised parts of our sidewalks. Very dangerous. Does our water contain cancer causing elements?

Just want you to know you are doing a great job. All lives do matter. AND we love our Cotati Police Dept.

Please repave John Roberts Dr between LeBec and Aguirre. It has been 30 years and the pavement is turning into gravel. Huge safety concern and is long overdue

Maintaining our Cotati Police Department and continuing with fiscal (local) funding should be our priorities. Explore future city services and contracting with county to save funds. Thank you.

Can we have a social worker and mental health worker on staff - or do we already have a couple?

Affordable workforce housing (subsidized and market rate) is a critical priority. Also think it would be worth exploring contracting police services to the county or merging it with Rohnert Park. A dedicated force for such a small town is inefficient.

The only area that I feel that needs repair is at the entrance to town by Veterans Park.

Keep Cotati clean. Do not let it go down the same road as Santa Rosa and my hometown, Rohnert Park. Be vigilant and keep tweaker & transients out. The hard working citizens of Cotati deserve a safe place for our children to play.

Need to stop the speeding into and out of Cotati. Valparaiso is a ridiculous speed way. Page is getting real bad for speeders, the number of driers not knowing to stop for pedestrians is growing. Fix it.

I appreciate the work you do to keep Cotati focused on being self reliant. In light of concerns about policing as an instrument for racist policies, I ranked 911 and police last. I want to learn more about Cotati's policies. Once I have done so, I might shift my ranking. Thank you.

Suggestion: public produce gardens at property across the street from City Hall, planters in the Plaza, Pocket Park, etc. to feed needy.

All of these priorities are important. No one priority can be addressed alone without consideration of the others.

I have asked multiple times for sidewalk on Old Redwood Hwy between Clothier and Valparaiso to e fixed. My kid has fallen multiple times on her bike.

Adequate staffing for responsive city offices

Bright lighting throughout our entire city. Thank you.

Thought domestic violence response services are/were police services? Many thanks to CPD for patrolling our neighborhood! Our 4 corners do not have handicap easements at sidewalks. See elderly people with walkers, people with children in strollers and handicapped citizens struggling to get up onto sidewalks. Also speeding cars down La Salle since no speed bumps to slow them down.

It's all important, but without police nothing else matters.

All of these are priorities!

The Cotati Creek needs to be cleared of weeds and debris. Maintain Cotati Railroad Station of weeds and trash.

It would be great if Cotati could find ways to keep teens engaged.

Keep our police!!!

The intersection near Peets is kind of a mess! What happened (years ago) to Caltrans moving the 101 N on-ramp opposite the offramp! Fix it! It's a mess!

Has an escape route ever been planned out in case of a disaster/fire? Two roads leading out of Cotati will no be a very beneficial route.

Thank you for asking!

Do NOT cut funding from Police Services!!! Fix the roads!! Pave, pave, pave Old Redwood Highway. Keep the drug addicts/homeless out of Cotati. Lower taxes on business to encourage more to locate in Cotati!

Thank you for asking! I'd like to know what Cotati is doing in response to our rising homeless population. I think tickets should be given to anyone not wearing a proper mask in public.

My soon is on the autistic spectrum. I am very concerned that our police are adequately trained in de-escalating techniques and how to deal with people in our community who can't follow simple instructions in a high stress situation. I would be happy to talk with anyone about my concerns. Thank you for keep us all safe.

Love those dedicated City workers!

Please take a look at the light at Valparaiso/Myrtle/Old Redwood Highway. It is out of control, it doesn't not look at the traffic in real time. It turns red for ORH even when there are no cars trying to cross or turn left or right.

I think our fire department is very important and would really be #2 on my list.

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Continue to make sure landscape contractors for city and city workers do no use pesticides and herbicides in parks and city property, except emergency rule & by vector control! Coffee w/a Cop good idea - thanks.
My priorities: cutting trees, both public/private to reduce fire danger. Add left turn lane on 116 west and W. Cotati Avenue. Remarking 25 mph zone on Water Road. Reduction of neighborhood noise. Consider a local police reserve/volunteer force
Enact or enforce existing laws on noise. Overly loud music frustrates many local around the car wash. Try extensive policing of E. Cotati Ave from Lancaster to Camino Colegio, its become a racetrack!
Maintaining remains of our open spaces in Cotati
#1. Streetlights in downtown - shine straight in your eyes while driving, and do not light up crosswalks or pedestrians. Very scary to drive at night with all the bars/activity.
Rating topic is vague. Sounds like you are trying to get more money from taxpayers. Mis-management of funds is not taxpayer responsibility. The \$300 property tax assessment is an example of mis-managed funds of the Fire District. There needs to be an end to this as we aren't a bank.
Fund the Police!
Speed humps & mileage signs on high traffic streets like Wilford!
1. Wildfires. 5. Reallocated police resources to community services/social workers who can respond to 911 calls.
Gang violence/guns - Please keep this out of Cotati
Be prepared for fire season.
Cotati PD are wonderful!
Would contracting dispatch to the County save money? If "locally controlled funding" is a different name for increased taxes, I'm not in favor and would move it to 5.
Please reset the traffic light at the intersection of ORH/Valparaiso/Myrtle. We no sit for a long time to make the left onto Myrtle. It use to be a really quick light.
Pruning Trees/Clearing weeds on Water Resources Property on Marsh Way. Note: One of the trees on Water Dept. property has branches just 2 feet away from the side of my home - must be pruned before upcoming fire season to prevent City liability.
Finding the people lighting off M80's and shooting off their guns would be great too!
All are important, but I understand there may be limited financial resources.
Property owner, lives in Petaluma.
We spend so much in taxes! Where's it all going? I echo the cries of thousands in asking that some services done by police be allocated to other entities.
How about a regular donation spot for food for the foodbank or for direct availability by Cotati residents?
#4 (Domestic Violence Svcs) & 5 (Emergency Dispatch and Police Dept. Svcs) are related.
These priorities are equally as important. With perhaps the exception of fixing potholes, it seems you can't do one without the others. You have difficult choices. Thank you for your service!
Install a crosswalk at Laster Ln across Old Redwood Highway (ORH) to eliminate the need to walk on the side of ORH and extend the useable sidewalk.
The 911 response and police department services need to be separate. Restructuring of Cotati's Police Department is appropriate to become a public safety department and demilitarization of current "force".
Enforce public masks with fines until pandemic has passed. Particularly in parks & walking/biking trails.
Creating a supportive community where the dignity, safety and respect of and for each person is a priority.
Street repair on Valparaiso (right in front of police station) area. Speed control/enforcement on Water Road (3 pm to 6 pm). Especially commercial businesses being run out of residential homes - enforcement.
Thank You!
Fire danger/dry grass & weeds in creek areas seem to only be cut/maintained when very overgrown. The creek path behind Wilford Circle needs better maintenance. It is in horrible shape much of the year. When they do trim it - all of the weeds are left to dry out and become more of a fire hazard. Many people smoke back there - it makes us who live here very nervous every year. Please have them remove the cut weeds. Thank you.
Very hard to choose - they are all very important.
More dog bags & trash cans on street corners! Park equipment upgrades - playgrounds, trash cans, more trees. Sidewalk repair - cracks & raised parts, also all parts of the sidewalk where the water mains to homes are sinking - creating unsafe surfaces. Put stop signs @ West Sierra & Valparaiso, West Sierra & Cypress Ave, safety of pedestrians.
Please keep our Police! They do a great job!

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<p>#1 Preparing for emergencies - All fire houses should be open and fully staffed - other efforts to improve spotting, notification, prevention & response.</p>
<p>Great thanks to the City for the use of a "power" room during the days of the public power shut-offs to re-energize our cell phones, tablets & computers. Also to keep us informed quickly of new happenings during the fires.</p>
<p>I would rate street repair higher if I didn't already consider Cotati to be doing an excellent job on this. We moved to Cotati 4 years ago from pothole-ridden Petaluma and have been very impressed with the good job Cotati does in this area.</p>
<p>Domestic Violence - needs to be handled by trained specialists - not police. Disaster Preparedness - Is huge - COVID is prime example - better communication block by block. Suggestion: Need to establish local 1st aid services office - funding by donation stations for recycle cans/bottles, etc. could raise \$5K per month.</p>
<p>There are not enough choices locally for medical and dental services. No urgent care locally and emergency requires travel.</p>
<p>I support the Cotati Police Department.</p>
<p>Do not defund any service below. ALL ABOVE ARE MOST IMPORTANT MARKED X. Defunding the police would be a nightmare. Many people are buys guns. The general population though are not trained to use the guns they bought. Though the police have been trained. The policemen need to be audited for above.</p>
<p>I liked the "charging room" available during last years fires - an amenity that a small town like ours should do. Traffic: Thumbs down on re-stripping of left turn lanes on to E. Cotati to Redwood east bound. Only succeeded in encouraging cars to speed up (they almost have to merge into one lane) as they head up E. Cotati Ave, which is lined with homes. City should: 1. Post speed limit signs along E. Cotati Ave - there are none from corner of Redwood & E. Cotati Ave for many blocks - until the stop sign at La Salle. 2. Cite/discourage spedes (revenue for City from tickets?) 3. Restripe that lane merge or pursue other ways to slow down cars on E. Cotati Ave, not speed them up.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>Increase number of east-west corridor bicycle lanes e.g. West Sierra Avenue, Railroad Ave. Start fining people no waring masks when in groups. Convert 1/2 of basketball courts near City Hall to pickleball court. Strengthen ties between heritage farm and Cotati museum; heritage event day, interships for students.</p>
<p>Keeping the people of Cotati safe is the top priority.</p>
<p>Maintain these priorities despite political partisanship.</p>
<p>I would like to help start volunteer services! This is neededin so many areas! Free help for elderly.</p>
<p>Heading into fire season, I am increasingly concerned about the PG&E lines that are deeply intertwined with the trees along the fences on Myrtle. Many of the limbs are dead and dry. They need to be trimmed and maintained before they pull down the lines.</p>
<p>Transparent & effective communication with residents regarding issues ni their immediate neighborhood (e.g. Jagle/Jagla street name).</p>
<p>Graffiti abatement.</p>
<p>A review of police policies & data to show just how the department functions is very important. Mental health, developmental disabilities/homelessness. Response services here, as well.</p>
<p>There seems to be a lot of garbage on private business properties, Peets and Walgreens, and in the lot adjacent to Walgreens. Is there anyway to have these businesses clean up after their customers?</p>
<p>Above all, I prioritize antiracist training for police officers, and efforts that serve the ENTIRE community, no matter a person's age, race, class, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental ability.</p>
<p>Amazingly good job - Thank you. Sunflower park since 1987.</p>
<p>All of above need to be considered very important. I am 92.5 and a walking group would be desirable & could meet at Falletti Picnic Area. I have sight loss but get shots every 6 weeks in the retina. So far works pretty good. Earle Baum Center - Serving people with sight loss supported by Santa Rosa Lions primarily.</p>
<p>This sounds like a plan for another tax measure. I'm not opposed to that at this point, but I'd like to see other kinds of input surveyed.</p>
<p>Please maintain fiscal stability in order to continue to provide the police and emergency services for the people of Cotati. The less we can depend on State and Fed funds, the better the City will be.</p>
<p>The coordinated response to an emergency situation is not clear to me; how is the XXXX to know what is happening - are there multiple avenues? Not everyone has a computer/cell gets a newspaper, knows about events, knows physical actions might be used & when. I know info output costs money. The water bill could contain more hard info - at least updates to a separately published 1 page info sheet.</p>
<p>Defund the police and invest that money in social and community programs. Explore replacing police with servcies offered by social workers, health care workers, etc.</p>
<p>More outdoor community rec/maybe exercise classes outside in park; fire prevention - more attn to neighborhoods and fields for dry brush and dead trees and tall grass. Thanks for great work on creek trail!</p>
<p>Idea - volunteer opportunities to help check up on neighbors, help out w/COVID crisis maybe.</p>

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Do we have significant # of cases (domestic violence)? If so, how about providing preventative counseling services? Also improving local parks: all park barbecues are gone; use traps instead of poison to control gophers; stop using Roundup. While not directly related to safety, I would like to suggest that the City make an effort to make citizens aware of the building ordinances they enact, e.g. tree removal, paving over landscaping, and fence setbacks. I've had it pointed out by officials that they ordinances are ignored, but there is no follow through. Simply stating such rules occasionally in newsletters with water bill and putting on website might help. Or else why have such rules?

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Unprecedented times point toward a critical need for optimal emergency responsiveness, especially now! In order to adequately attend to overlapping periods of emergency, integration and vigilance are foundational to successful intervention and outcome. So, the city really needs an integrated process for vigilant, effective strategic response.

Install 3 stop signs at west school st. and w sierra ave. west school and west sierra is a dangers intersection you have cars speeding up and down west sierra and if your on w. school street you see a blind curve to the right and to the left you have to creep out to look under 101.

need to assess the most good to be gained from limited dollars via the most people affected.

I think Cotati police funding should be reviewed to see if other services can take over some of their responsibilities, as well as a clear plan for handling any inappropriate behavior. Working with business landlords to make all of the empty retail spaces appealing and safe for businesses to move in. Examples are the old Hub cyclery building, the old Arch Glass building. Make sure Oliver's Market is kept happy! They are a huge source of community and a walking destination, as well as some tax revenue.

Fiscal independence and emergency preparedness are almost a toss-up for #2. Natural disasters will be a part of our future, and fiscal independence can help assure an effective response. However, police response meant to SERVE AND PROTECT is a daily need.

Keeping city parks clean and maintained. Thanks for all you do!

I would like to see increased traffic patrols to (hopefully) address speed violations.

Everything is important to maintain, pot holes on Valparaiso are bad. I know all the big trucks from the construction make it worse. I unfortunately have had to use the 911 services more than I would like to, but they are always super I think the parking around the downtown park is bad. when you get big cars/trucks parking vertically, you can not see cars coming the other way from the plaza. Think the way it was before was way better.

Enforce parking regulations. Stop cars being stored on the streets. Streets are not being swept. Use zoning regulations to prevent single-family housing from being used as dormitories, fraternity, and sorority houses. Make them public nuisances. Stop intrusive and unlicensed businesses from operating in single-family residences. They create noise, eyesores from the street, traffic, and parking problems. I think those are good priorities to concentrate on. Don't defund the police.

It is hard to prioritize. However, due to the disaster emergencies that have happened, in our county over the past three years, I feel it is utmost important to put emergency funding at top of the list. I especially don't think the state should ever take this community's funds. It is scary to think our town wouldn't have enough funds to properly maintain safety for our community. I believe we have to trust law enforcement to keep safety and order.

Taking care of people (education, physical health, mental health, food, housing) before there's a safety issue. Also, stop white collar crime. why does so much of our budget go to enforcement?

Local 911 and police are most important to me

repairing streets is important. However, I believe marking the residential streets (like W. Cotati Ave) for bicycles is a waste of money. Bike traffic is very low compared to rest of the city. Better to use the money for some speed bumps to slow the traffic down or more enforcement of speed/stop sign violations. re-opening of playgrounds. I can't take my grandkids anywhere just to play. I don't see a need for closure now. I think the police department staff does a pretty good job.

Vandalism and crime should be Strictly enforced by law enforcement.

It would be nice to continue to feel safe in America. Unfortunately, it appears that is no longer a priority. I will cope and hope for kindness. Focus on taking care of our community and limit the political posturing for after hours or social time.

not use such a huge % of our budget for police, while they are not engaged with public, other than when they are looking for a tax increase Activities that bring community together, volunteer options

Providing essential emergency services is vital, and preventing the state of taking away, or re-directing funds needed in this community.

The 2021 adopted budget should include funds specifically set aside for civilian oversight of the Cotati Police Department and re-writing community based police policy. Civilian oversight of the Cotati Police Department. Re-adoption of the Police Advisory Committee. Social services, schools, and community outreach prioritized.

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Light up downtown. We have the worse lighting of any incorporated city I've ever seen. Also Get ride of the smoking areas outside the bars on the sidewalks downtown, so residents with health issues or or those of us that just don't want to smell like smoke just for walking through town. These small changes will increase health and revenue immensely.
Should there be a disaster, that should take number 1 priority to get help to as many people as need it. Red light repair, utilities so that the public can stay informed, tree removal/trimming for fire safety.
More community events
Do not "defund" our emergency services and personnel. Keep our city useable and attractive (maintained and facility improvements to existing parks, public spaces, streets and utilities) to residents and visitors which will help bolster business and housing.
Maintaining emergency services should be the first priority. Police and fire need more funding.
Landman and the city council don't listen to citizens unless they toe the line or happen to repeat the desired narrative, so why are you doing this survey? All hail Landman. Dismantle and rebuild the city government, minus Landman.
If 911 is up and running it takes care of emergencies and domestic violence. Keep funds for sustainability and keep roads safe Extra patrolling for "bar" nights.
hard to do! Didn't include many subjects. Developing robust citizen input process, developing ways to strengthen neighborhoods, focus on climate values, leading in ways to enhance natural area and lifestyle (combating pollution, fossil fuel use, focus on minority outreach, local food production) I could go on, it's late, though :) Thank you! I would like to know what you plan to do with the questionnaire / what it is a part of.
Cotati is woefully unprepared for any natural disaster or emergency. It's just been "lucky" so far.
No extra feedback
By reallocating funds away police services and toward other social services, Cotati could improve the quality of life for all of its citizens. More social welfare programs and services - homeless outreach, senior services, city ordinance change to allow food trucks, municipal broadband would be helpful. When will Cotati reinstate the Citizen Oversight Committee for Public Safety that was disbanded in '97?
I would like for the police funding to be reviewed so that more investment can go back into the community. It seems that we ask a lot of our police officers and perhaps some of their responsibilities can go toward community resources. I believe a priority should be clear communication about our police department's views on it's policies that are foremost in people's minds right now. It would be good to know that the City of Cotati is committed to decreasing violence. 1) Ban chokeholds and strangleholds 2) Require de-escalation 3) Require warning before shooting 4) Exhaust all alternatives before shooting 5) Duty to Intervene 6) Ban shooting at moving vehicles 7) Establish use of force continuum 8) Require that all force be reported. I have been a proud Cotati resident for 19 years. My experiences with the city and it's various departments have always been positive. Thank you for continuing to make Cotati a wonderful place to live and raise a family.
It's tough to put these in order from 1-5. I realize I may be naive about how the city works. Domestic violence response should obviously be a priority, but how is that different from Police & 911 response? It seems to me that if we had resources for people who need them, then we may not need so much policing. For example, I understand there are 2 homes in town recently designated as housing for those struggling with homelessness and being operated by COTS. I'd love to see Cotati cooperate & participate in offering those services, and perhaps expanding on them so that the police wouldn't become a catch-all for whatever is happening downtown. We are seeing more and more homelessness, and our downtown seems to be a favored hangout. This problem will continue to grown if we don't designate resources to help the root of the problem, whether it's treatment or job/housing counseling. COTS is a solid organization doing tremendous good. Cotati could set an example by investing in and expanding on the existing resources. Homelessness - see previous answer. Businesses have no incentive to open in Cotati. Most are faced with all sorts of hurdles which make them turn and run to Rohnert Park where it's cheaper and there's less regulations. So many storefronts are empty and that will get worse due to Covid-19. We need to find a way to better attract businesses while maintaining our town's character.
We have disabled people in our city who can barely make it home in a wheelchair because the sidewalks are such a mess. Please consider fixing.Love Cotati!
All of these are vitally important, but maintaining local 911 & police seems most important.
I feel that it is very important to reassess the duties of our police department. They serve a vital role, but I am concerned about rumours that our police department have a reputation for excessive force, a problem that I believe stems from the culture of intimidation in US law enforcement. I had dealings with police in the UK and was impressed by their approachability and care. Our forces might learn from them.Do we have assistance programs for victims of domestic violence? People trained for intervention? This should be more important than potholes! Also, why does the City of Cotati send out nixes on the illegality of fireworks, but apparently did nothing to enforce it. This year was terrible.
Police response and importance will take care of domestic response. Lives #1. Fiscal security important to keep it all running #2. Road safety #3. We love our crazy Cotati. We all want to be safe and secure. We cannot be without police and fire services.
Limited as the questions are limited themselves. Health and welfare actions, ability to support people finding resources to support themselves, education of individuals to facilitate them working with/for the city, etc.

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Due to COVID-19 and our high fire probability these last few years, preparing for these disasters to maintain services is critical to all our citizens. Having Roundabouts as an option in this town. It is SOOO ridiculous to have the traffic tie-ups at 4-way stops that is SO unnecessary when roundabouts would keep it flowing.

Covid-19 Response Why when the county is experiencing the highest levels of transmission and positive tests are we increasing and maintaining levels of activity that irresponsibly provide for more spread. We sat at home with the exception of Groceries, Doctor, Pharmacy for several months while the levels were at a fraction of where they are now. Why did we do that? Why when the levels have increased so dramatically are we allowing for more than when there was virtually no risk of transmission? The 10-25 year old children we have that we are trying to guide to make good decisions in their life are the hardest to get to understand what is happening. It's even harder when the city allows so many activities that are the opposite of prevention. If the goal is to ensure that everyone is infected then why have any restrictions? I feel that more can be done to reduce the hypocrisy and promote a safer environment. Unless this is a political attempt on a nationwide level to permanently destroy our health and businesses and ability to provide for our families than the tact needs to change immediately. Power Line Cleanup....I see nothing but power lines intertwined in trees. Are we looking for the disaster that we have narrowly avoided so far? Covid-19 Response Why when the county is experiencing the highest levels of transmission and positive tests are we increasing and maintaining levels of activity that irresponsibly provide for more spread. We sat at home with the exception of Groceries, Doctor, Pharmacy for several months while the levels were at a fraction of where they are now. Why did we do that? Why when the levels have increased so dramatically are we allowing for more than when there was virtually no risk of transmission? The 10-25 year old children we have that we are trying to guide to make good decisions in their life are the hardest to get to understand what is happening. It's even harder when the city allows so many activities that are the opposite of prevention. If the goal is to ensure that everyone is infected then why have any restrictions? I feel that more can be done to reduce the hypocrisy and promote a safer environment. Unless this is a political attempt on a nationwide level to permanently destroy our health and businesses and ability to provide for our families than the tact needs to change immediately. I am looking at this from a little higher up, Please open your eyes and do what you are in office for!

By maintaining and/or improving the safety and appearance of the buildings, sidewalks, streets, LIGHTING, and slowing the flow of traffic, businesses and people will be drawn to Cotati. Safety is always a concern, as is fiscal responsibility. Tax revenues will increase (or decrease) with the image and desire to visit Cotati. Bring the hotel in. Bring the roundabout plan back or another way slow the flow and extend the "feel" of town to the north. Make the sidewalk and other improvements associated with those improvements. Help businesses thrive in and around town that will give tourists and out-of-town people a reason to enjoy a relaxing (or exciting?) weekend in Cotati. (see Ashland, Healdsburg, Sebastopol, etc.)

Remove extra "snowflake " looking lights from streetlights downtown. Not a good look in my opinion. With regard to previous suggestion, if more light is necessary then change the existing lamps. Would like a city ordinance regulating noise from parties past 11PM.

Being new to the community, I have really yet to understand issues that face the community. This survey was based solely on my opinions without in-depth knowledge. Improving road signage; enforcing mandatory adherence to COVID-19 safety measures; such as masks in public

Fiscal stability gives the opportunity to support the categorized survey services - which are all important. It's great the City is offering feedback options other than attending meetings.

First off I'd like to say that I appreciate you putting out this survey. But it did not go unnoticed that you didn't leave an option for defunding the police and that you instead only left an option for maintaining them in addition you lumped them with the other 911 services which aren't what the nation is concerned with at the moment. A decision that feels a tad bit scummy and makes it seem like this survey is just y'all wanting to look like you care without actually having to act on it. (Which I get isn't the case but it certainly comes of that way) We should be looking at how to defund the police and invest those resources in things that actually benefit the community. Have a nice day, stay safe, wear a mask, all that good stuff..

Comments submitted without priorities

I'm at XXXX Water Road. The winds knocked down trees & broke the high tension wire & snapped off the power pole that had a light for safety near our home. It still needs to be replace. Thanks. PG&E replaced the pole.

Absolutely not, everyone knows the Cotati Police are corrupt. I would call Rohnert Park over them and they are corrupt too! I walked into a hair salon before COVID and the entire salon was discussing how corrupt the Cotati Police Department is. Police in Cotati need extensive/through training on how to handle themselves when dealing with mental illness. They are incompetent to handle mental illness, let alone domestic violence. Increase funds elsewhere. The only solid officer there is officer Bea. It's terrifying what they officers have done to Cotati residence that even I have fear just seeing them around. I wish I could move they are so awful. As a result, we do not wish to participate in anything related to Cotati. We prefer the community of Rohnert Park has to offer. Community garden, recreation, parades, farmers market, etc....their police dept has issues of course but they aren't terrorists. The farmers market is in front of the police station - and we feel SAFE. I will not sign in fear of Cotati police retaliation. They are TERRORISTS (except officer Bea). This is common knowledge.

The speed limit leaving Cotati and entering on West Sierra Avenue. It was bad enough when it was 25 mph. Trying to turn into town off W. School, there are 2 blind corners hardly anyone is going 30 mph. 25 mph was bad too!

The City of Cotati has very hard water. A portion of the water supply is well water. I'm sure this is causing the water to be so hard. I would suggest discontinue the well water and changing it over to the normal water supply system. I have 2 water softeners because of this condition.

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<p>The local police in Cotati are a joke - they cannot find the source of a dog barking on a daily basis, without harassing people who have nothing to do with the barking. #1- Cut funding to Police Dept. #2 - Make dept. racially diverse</p>
<p>1. I support our local police and thank you for your service. I have had my solar installed by Sunrun and am waiting for the permit. Please hurry because I want to be on line soon.</p>
<p>Keep our police dept</p>
<p>Training for police departments to include psychological training and conflict resolution without force. Move "safety & public reps" like Petaluma.</p>
<p>Traffic violations i.e. speeding & double parking at post office right in front of now parking. I live on Benson and emailed the PD Chief March of last year. Benson is used as a cut through disregarding signs of 25 mph, no commercial vehicles over 5 TON. Of course the road improvements, then COVID - I received no feedback. The post office distribution truck bounces down Benson starting at 7-7:15 AM 2-3x per day. The maintenance crew is excellent - especially with the variety of work. You other departments, parks, engineering, building code seem to pass the buck around and around. I have examples - but it's a long story. Thank you for this opportunity.</p>
<p>Please do not install any more speed bumps and flashing lights at stop signs. The lights are a distraction and unnecessary and the speed bumps cause wear and tear on cars no matter how slowly you go.</p>
<p>Please do enforce the hours of operation and noise ordinance at Jaded Toad. They are routinely waking the families in the neighborhood.</p>
<p>If we have power outages again, concerned about emergency systems working. i.e. our phones did not work. Therefore, we did not get messages. Fire Evac Issues - encourage weeds/high grass cutting. Thank you!</p>
<p>Open the police gym to residents.</p>
<p>Fix all sidewalks not just patched. Redo them they need it badly..people can get hurt. I have seen it and done it. FIX SIDEWALKS</p>
<p>We have been waiting 3 or 4 years for a light in Falletti Park to go on after sunset. It's a security & safety issue. Also the sidewalk around the park has buckled up. A safety issue - tripping hazard.</p>
<p>Loma Linda Drive is worse now than before "it was fixed" deep cracks along superficial repair! 2 measures were passed for road repairs - so why wouldn't you continue to repair the roads? Not sure what if anything "Cotati" did to help anyone when power was shut-off - do tell! If we have "police" then yes we have 911 services - I don't understand the issue?</p>
<p>Rework and upgrade of Valpariso from speed limit sign to West Sierra is over due - considering the increasing traffic (all types) with the new housing at the east end/especially the dirt driveway coming down the hill and the irregular curb at the curve.</p>
<p>Please complete sidewalks and crosswalk connections on West School Street. Please monitor residential speed limits on West School Street / enforce OHV vehicles on public streets.</p>