



Refuse Cost of Service—Long Beach City Council

**February 5, 2019** 

## Introduction

- Public Hearing
- Proposition 218
  - Proposed Rate Increase
  - Rates tied to cost of service
  - 117,099 notices mailed
  - Majority protest required



# Background

 Last cost of service related rate increase was in 2002

Only Consumer Price Index increase when appropriate

No CPI increase since 2015



- Total increase of 10.8%, December to December CPI
  - Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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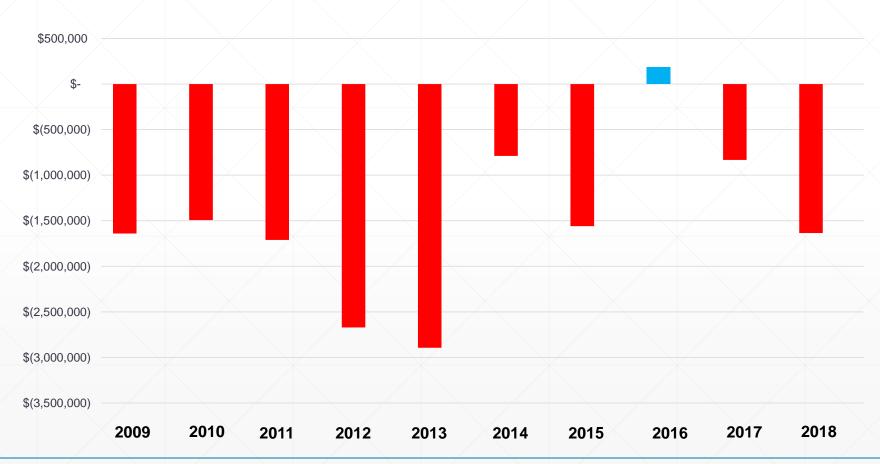
- May 2018 HF&H Consultants
- Cost of Service Study
  - Updated Rate Structure
  - Proportionate cost sharing (i.e. residential vs. commercial)
  - Ensure Compliance with State Law

# **Findings**

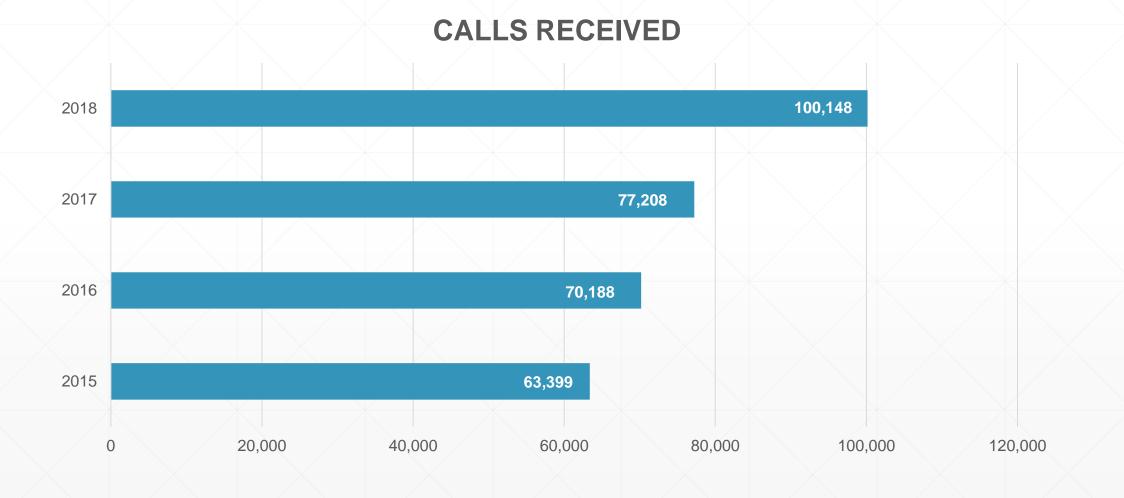
- 1. City's rates have not generated sufficient revenue to cover cost of service
- 2. Solid waste collection costs have increased
- 3. State mandated diversion programs require additional funding

# **Operating Surplus/Deficit**



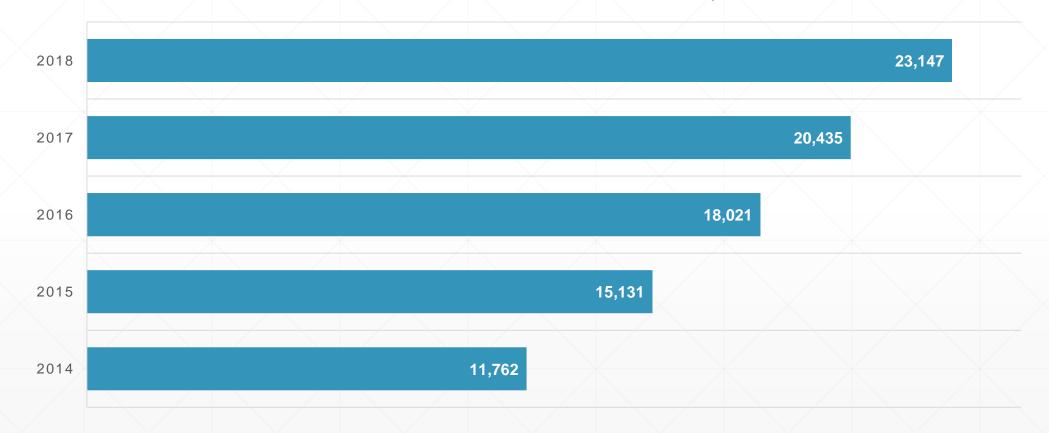


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#### **BULKY ITEM COLLECTION REQUESTS**



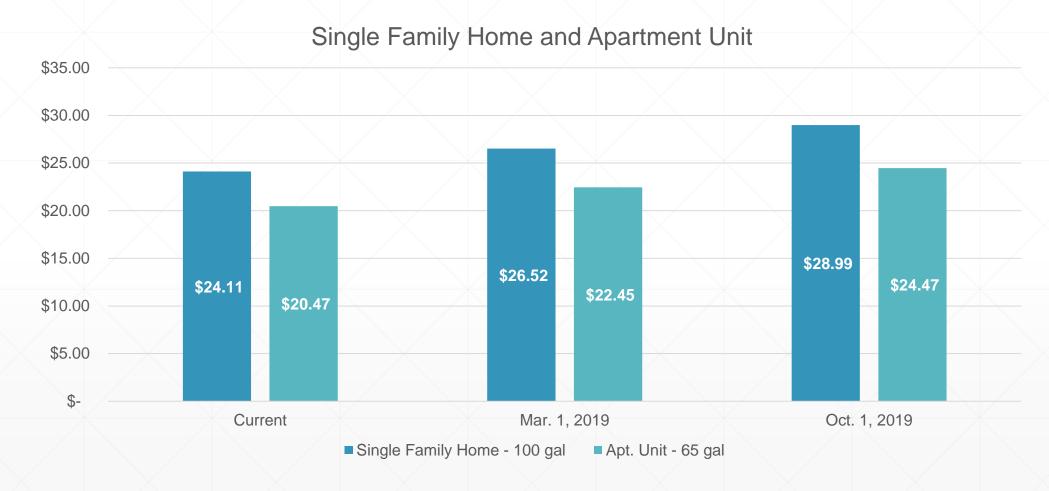
# **Collection Costs**



# **State Mandated Programs**

- AB 939 Integrated Waste Management Act
- AB 341 75% statewide diversion target
- AB 1826 Commercial organics recycling
- AB 1383 Short lived climate pollutants (organics)

# **Current and Proposed Rates**



# **Rate Comparison**

# RESIDENTIAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING RATE COMPARISON



# Questions?