

City of Claremont

What are some important perspectives we need to consider before moving forward with the new police station?

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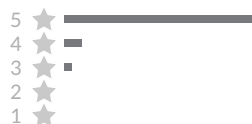
Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

The Colleges need to contribute a monetary amount that is larger than they have promised to in the past.

The colleges take up a large land area, own many buildings including many residential and bring many people to Claremont. They need to contribute more

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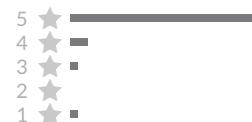


The colleges pay their fair share

They have the most revenue

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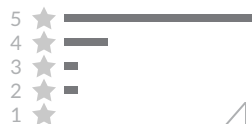


Appeal to voters with facts, numbers, stats, and truths pertaining to the construction of a building only. This isn't about love or hate of police.

The tactic of making false equivalencies like "those who don't support a bad deal are anti-cop" is a gross tactic and auto-disqualifier for many voter

4.5 ★★★★★ (35 👤)

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City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #4

Funding mechanism

The funding mechanism needs to be seen as fair, not regressive, and apply to all stakeholders in the community.

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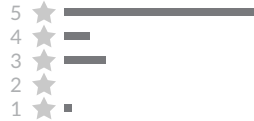
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City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #7

All property owners in Claremont - the Colleges, buisnesss and residents - should contribute their fair share.

The most recent failed bond measure burdened homeowners unfairly. Businesses and the College rest on the police department and their services too.



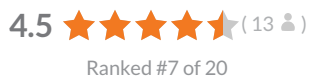
Shared burden

Need to more equitably distribute the costs, including to the colleges



I have been a property owner in Claremont since 1982

The burden of the cost should be shared more equitably between the community and the Colleges, not just property owners



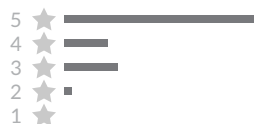
The problem is how will the new police station be funded?

The ever-expanding Colleges need to contribute more than they are offering to help fund the station.



The Colleges need to be NEGOTIATED STRONGLY WITH to pay no less than the \$4M+ they would have had to pay if the other financing option was used.

The argument they only make X% of the calls, and therefore pay X% of the cost is bogus. By that logic, my % of calls would have me pay a few bucks.



Businesses need to contribute their fair share to the police station.

Business benefit from the safe environment a good police station and police force provides. Claremont should not be a free ride for the businesses.



We need more of a contribution from the Colleges

If all the colleges pledge \$3 million, the new police station will be pretty much paid for. Their previous pledge of \$750K was a joke.

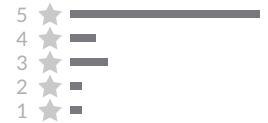
4.4 ★★★★★ (18 👤)
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Cost is important.

Some voters weren't convinced that the cost has been pared down to the bare bones.

4.3 ★★★★★ (21 👤)
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Equality in paying the cost of the building home owners, business,colleges, tax free organizations. If all chip in less for everyone.

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We have to have a fee that is viewed as equally supported. There has to be buy-in from the colleges and businesses.

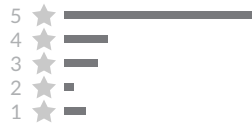
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The police station design and costs need to be scrutinized and put to competitive bid.

Claremont City leaders damaged their fiscal credibility by wasting \$10 million dollars on the water scheme. Voters are skeptical of city budgets.

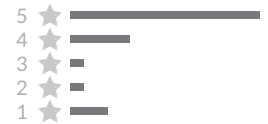
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The college's, a group of for-profit businesses, must be made to participate in the funding of this venture as they benefit and use these resources.

Students live, study, and work on and off campus... They ARE Claremont and use these resources just as any other resident - Regardless of campus cops.

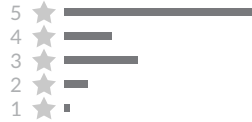
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We would like to support a new station, but as newer homeowners, we take the brunt of many new taxes/bonds on top of a high mortgage.

It's becoming financially difficult to live here. State/local govts are constantly asking for more money. Makes us question govt fiscal responsibility

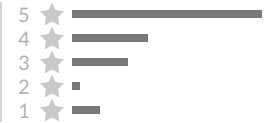
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City residents have a negative reaction to raising property taxes and they should because there is a real fairness issue.

The financing has to be more fair, such as a utility tax that is not dependent on historical residency.

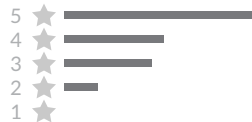
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While it is important to design for future needs, we need to be frugal in the cost. Design with an eye toward future expansion and additions.

People are tax and assessment weary as there are so many on our property tax bills. Contrary to what's initially promised, they never go away.

4.1 ★★★★★ (37 👤)
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Keep the cost down

Fair funding mechanism

4.1 ★★★★★ (36 👤)
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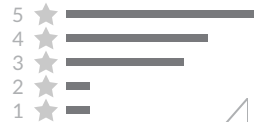


Here are some other thoughts with comments from the City of Claremont:

I get that there are technologies and improvements that need to be added, however it can't be about a fancy new building
It needs to be about the work that is done inside and the people

3.9 ★★★★★ (42 👤)

Ranked #33 of 20



City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #1

The most important concept here is that the City of Claremont avoid financial insolvency.
The city has persued foolish employment practices eg paying for the employee portion of the retirement program.

3.5 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

Ranked #78 of 20



City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #5

Don't contract with the Sheriff.
He has discipline and recruitment problems. His station would be outside of town unless we build a new one for him.

3.2 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

Ranked #119 of 20



City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #2

Creative ways to make upgrades that cost less than construction of a new facility.

3.1 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

Ranked #131 of 20



City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #6

The fairest property tax will be based on square footage, with exemption for nonprofits and a contribution from the colleges.
This is most likely to gain the necessary votes and is fair to newcomers and small property owners.

3.1 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

Ranked #132 of 20



City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #8

Being burdened with a debt for a new station for 30 years we can't afford to staff it. Waste of money.

3.1 ★★★★★ (42 👤)

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City Of Claremont
Hot Topic #3