

LIVONIA FACES 14 LAYOFFS TO COMPENSATE FOR \$1.4 MILLION IN CUTS



Livonia, Michigan is facing a \$1.4 million reduction in state shared revenue for 2010 under state budget provisions that were approved on Wednesday. This amount is nearly \$1 million more than the city had anticipated. According to Mayor Jack Kirksey, approximately 14 layoffs will be required to make up the difference. State Representative John Walsh said that a decrease in property tax revenue, as well as declines in other revenues were to blame for the budget gaps. Overall, lawmakers in Michigan were left with a \$2 billion spending gap to close. Since last year, state revenue is down 23 percent. "These are hard cuts," Walsh said. "The ones I worry about are social services and the state funding for Boys and Girls Clubs, Meals on Wheels, and Medicaid reimbursements."

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