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City Council Places City of Signal Hill Financial Stability Measure on the November 2020 Ballot

Measure Would Enact Locally Controlled Funding to Maintain Essential City Services

SIGNAL HILL – The Signal Hill City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 to place a local funding measure on the November 2020 ballot. If approved by voters, the City of Signal Hill Financial Stability Measure, a ¾-cent sales tax measure, would provide the funds needed to maintain basic city services with locally-controlled funding that cannot be taken by Sacramento or Los Angeles County.

“Especially now, we need to focus on keeping our City safe, clean and well-maintained – ensuring Signal Hill continues to be a great place to live and our property values high,” said City Manager Hannah Shin-Heydorn. “Unfortunately, nearly all of the sales tax generated in Signal Hill goes to the State of California or Los Angeles County, leaving the City in a difficult position with rising costs and the financial impacts of COVID-19.”

The City recently completed its annual budget process and made \$1.8M in budget reductions in the wake of COVID-19. If approved by Signal Hill voters, the Signal Hill Financial Stability Measure would provide the funds needed to allow the City to keep up with basic repairs and maintenance to public facilities, storm drains, streets, and sidewalks, and prevent deep cuts in all service areas, including infrastructure, 9-1-1 emergency response, crime prevention, and programs for youth and seniors, among other items.

The measure includes clear systems of accountability including independent audits and annual reports to the community to ensure that the money is spent properly. All funds raised would be used to fund essential Signal Hill services and facilities. By law, no measure funds could be taken by the State or Los Angeles County.

“We had a choice of further reducing essential services in the wake of COVID-19 to continue balancing our budget, or to give our voters the opportunity to consider approving locally-controlled funding to meet these needs. With Tuesday’s action, the City Council has elected to allow the community to decide,” continued City Manager

Shin-Heydorn. “We encourage all eligible Signal Hill residents to vote in the upcoming election. As the State has recently made changes to the November voting process, the City will be updating the community on those changes and recent voter registration laws that expand the ability to participate.”

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