

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT:** SUPPORT FOR MEASURE "A" AND MEASURE "M" ON THE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BALLOT

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On November 8, 2016, voters in Los Angeles County will be asked to consider two countywide measures on the ballot, more commonly referred to as Measure "A" and Measure "M".

Measure "A", entitled the "Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space, Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conservation Measure," would replace expiring, voter-approved funding with new funding for preserving safe and clean neighborhood parks, playgrounds, recreation/senior centers, drinking water, beaches, rivers, water resources, and remaining natural areas and open space. Safety would also be enhanced through increased efforts focused on reducing gang activity. Measure "A" proposes to levy 1.5 cents annually per square foot of development, excluding parking in Los Angeles County, until voters decide to end it. Similar to the 1992 and 1996 Prop A funding, Measure "A" will continue to provide funding for local and county-wide upgrades and improvements to playground equipment, parks, and recreation centers in order to ensure that they are safe and meet the needs of our communities.

Measure "M", entitled the "Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan," would secure funding for improving freeway traffic flow and safety, repairing potholes and sidewalks, and keeping senior/disabled/student fares affordable. Measure "M" would also expand rail/subway/bus systems, improve job/school/airport connections, and create jobs. Measure "M" proposes to levy a ½-cent sales tax, on top of the existing ½-cent traffic relief tax (Measure "R") for a combined total sales tax of one-cent. Upon Measure "R" expiring in 2038, Measure "M" would assume the additional ½-cent lost following the sunset of Measure "R", so that the one-cent sales tax is maintained, until such time that voters decide to end it.

If passed, Measure "M" would generate approximately \$313 million dollars to the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG subregion. Similar to Measure "R," that lump sum would then be disbursed on a per capita basis to the COG cities. Agoura Hills' percentage based on a per capita formula is 24.2%, resulting in an allocation of approximately \$75.7 million

dollars to Agoura Hills, which can be used on regional road improvements such as the Palo Comado Interchange. In addition, approximately \$295,000 would be annually allocated to Agoura Hills as "Local Return" funds that can be used on the City's pavement overlays and concrete repair projects.

The passage of both, or either, Measure "A" or Measure "M" by Los Angeles County voters, would have significant, positive impacts to the City's continued fiscal strength, and would assist in staff's ability to achieve the goals and visions of the Council moving forward.

Staff is seeking individual feedback from the Council for each measure separately, and specifically whether there is support for both, either, or neither Measure "A" and/or Measure "M".

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully requests the City Council:

1. Consider/discuss the merits of Measure "A", and individually indicate support, no support, or take no position, for Measure "A", the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space Beaches Protection, and Water Conservation Measure, and
2. Consider/discuss the merits of Measure "M", and individually indicate support, no support, or take no position, for Measure "M", the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan.