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## Malibu City Council Voices Support of Measure H, the County Plan to Address Homelessness on March 7 Ballot

(Malibu, CA) – The Malibu City Council unanimously approved a motion on Monday, February 13 authorizing the Mayor to send a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in support of Measure H, the County’s Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness, and to urge Malibu residents to vote Yes on Measure H on the March 7, 2017 ballot.

“Homelessness has reached epidemic proportions in L.A. County, and the people of Malibu rightly see this as a humanitarian crisis that we must find ways to address,” said Councilmember Laura Rosenthal. “Measure H will offer a large, long-term funding source that can provide the kinds of supportive housing and comprehensive services that can really make a difference for people experiencing homelessness across the County and here in Malibu.”

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has placed a countywide ballot measure on the March 7, 2017 ballot that proposes a 10-year, ¼ cent sales tax to help fund housing and support services for the homeless population throughout the County. Measure H reads as follows:

*Measure H — Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. To fund mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental subsidies, emergency and affordable housing, transportation, outreach, prevention, and supportive services for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and other homeless adults; shall voters authorize Ordinance No. 2017-0001 to levy a ¼ cent sales tax for ten years, with independent annual audits and citizens’ oversight?*

As the City has identified homelessness as a priority issue in Malibu, Councilmember Laura Rosenthal requested the City Council to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for Measure H to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and urge all Malibu residents to vote YES on Measure H when they vote on March 7, 2017.

### What Voters Need to Know About Measure H

- The measure would generate about \$355 million annually for 10 years through a ¼-cent County sales tax to be used exclusively on proven efforts that reduce and prevent homelessness.
- It would help an estimated 45,000 families and individuals move from homelessness to permanent housing in the measure’s first five years—and enable 30,000 more to avoid becoming homeless.

- It would directly benefit children, foster youth, seniors, battered women, disabled individuals, veterans and other homeless adults.
- It would provide essential services to successfully transition homeless people into voter-approved housing to be constructed within the City of Los Angeles.
- It would ensure accountability through independent citizens' oversight and annual audits.

Family Solution Centers in Los Angeles County would implement much of the services funded by Measure H. The centers already provide direct connections to mental health, substance use and education services for homeless families and those at risk of homelessness. The Centers have moved more than 1,000 families per year from homelessness into permanent housing since 2014 and serve over 1,100 families per year through crisis housing.

Voters can find more information on Prop. H as well as other voter information at [www.LAVote.net](http://www.LAVote.net).

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