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Dear Neighbor:

From time to time, I write to the community to provide information on issues of importance to Stanton. Due to the large number of items on the November 2016 ballot, I am writing to provide you with information on the two local Stanton measures: Measure QQ and Measure RR.

Information on Measure QQ

If enacted, Measure QQ, the "Eliminate Funding for Stanton 9-1-1 Public Safety and Essential Services Protection Measure" would terminate funding approved by Stanton voters in 2014.

Below is information related to this measure that City staff has provided to the City Council and the Public at Council meetings and on our website.

Voter-approved funding has prevented over \$2 million in cuts to essential city services since 2015. Among other services, this existing funding has allowed the City to maintain neighborhood police patrols and sheriff's deputies, rapid 9-1-1 response times, and gang and youth violence prevention programs. Without this funding, the City will need to consider cutting these services.

Voter-enacted funding has allowed the City to enhance existing programs. The City has hired two new sheriff's deputies, including a Motorcycle Deputy to increase traffic safety around schools. Voter-enacted funding also enabled the City to expand the homeless prevention program including a second Deputy, facilitating more than 100 homeless people to transfer into permanent shelters, including families with young children. Additionally, crossing guards have been funded for our schools where none were previously.

Voter-approved funding has fortified the City's financial position. Prior to 2015, Stanton was facing a nearly \$2 million structural budget deficit. With voter-enacted funding, the City balanced our 2015-17 budget, eliminated the structural deficit, and is beginning to rebuild the City's financial reserves.

Voter-approved funding consists of a one-cent transactions and use tax to fund public safety and essential services in the City. This applies to the sale of goods in Stanton, but does not apply to the sale of food and medicine.

We have received many questions about Measure QQ. You may find information about voter-approved funding and how the City currently budgets voter-approved funding by visiting our new OpenGov website (www.ci.stanton.ca.us/opengov). The City has also adopted an alternative budget to be utilized in the event voter-enacted funding is terminated (www.ci.stanton.ca.us/Portals/20/Documents/Departments/Administration/City%20Finance/2016-2017%20Five-Year%20Alternative%20Budget.pdf?timestamp=147456)

0818846). Finally, you may find out more information about Measure QQ by visiting the City's website (www.ci.stanton.ca.us/Council-Commissions/Election-Information-and-Voter-Services).

Information on Measure RR

If enacted, Measure RR, the "Stanton City Council Term Limits" Measure would implement term limits for Stanton City Council members to a maximum of two full terms (eight years).

If Measure RR is approved, the two-term limit proposal would apply to future City Council terms starting with the November 8, 2016 election. As such, new or re-elected Council members in 2016 would serve their first term under the two-term limit starting with the November 8, 2016 election, eligible to be re-elected in November, 2020. New or re-elected Council members in the 2018 election cycle would serve their first term under the two-term limit starting with the November, 2018 election, eligible to be re-elected in November, 2022.

Once a Council member has served two full 4-year terms, the two-term limit would apply and he or she would no longer be eligible to serve on the City Council.

For a more detailed discussion of the potential impacts of Measure RR, we refer you via the hyperlink below to Staff's impartial impact report to the City Council on November 10, 2015. (www.ci.stanton.ca.us/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=oj-VXcCClnY%3d&portalid=20×tamp=1470250525359). See agenda item #12B.

I encourage you to research the local measures affecting your City in the upcoming election on November 8, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the local ballot measures identified in this letter, I urge you to review the materials identified throughout this letter, or call my office at (714) 379-9222 x 277.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Box". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and "A".

James A. Box,
City Manager