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Initiative Measures Placed on November 2016 Ballot ***Report Cites Loss of \$3.3 Million for City Services***

November 11, 2015 – Stanton, Calif. – At last night's meeting, the Stanton City Council placed two measures on the November 2016 ballot which qualified for the ballot via the initiative process. The first measure proposes a repeal of the Stanton 9-1-1 Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure, the City's one cent sales tax enacted by voters in November 2014. The second proposes to establish term limits for City Council seats.

The Council received an informational report on the impacts of the measures on the City's finances and ability to provide services. The report cites a loss of \$3.3 million in revenues for City services if the one cent local sales tax is eliminated. The report also details cuts to essential services due to this loss of revenue, including cuts to sheriff, fire protection and other city services. The report cites a limited fiscal impact to the City from the term limits measure.

"This local sales tax has made Stanton safer," said Debi Grand, a Stanton Planning Commissioner who spoke during public comment. "The City has been able to hire additional sheriff's deputies, a code enforcement officer and school crossing guards with this funding. This repeal measure would eliminate all of those services."

The impact report cites the elimination of the programs funded by the Stanton 9-1-1 Public Safety and Essential City Services Protection Measure as "initial" cuts. These would be followed with an additional \$2.5 million in cuts to every department. The level of cuts sustained by each department would be relative to its share of the City's budget.

"Since public safety services make up more than 70% of the City's budget, they would be the hardest hit," said Stephen Parker, Administrative Services Director. "The Orange County Sheriff's Department would need to be cut by an additional \$1.22 million and Orange County Fire Authority would sustain \$560,000 in cuts if the Repeal Measure were to pass."

California statute requires that the measures be placed before Stanton's voters. The City Council placed both measures on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot. As a Presidential election ballot, this allows for the broadest participation from the Stanton community on these issues.

About Stanton –The City of Stanton is located in northwestern Orange County. With a population of less than 39,000 in 3.1 square miles, many residents enjoy the small town community feel. The

City was incorporated in 1956 and has enjoyed growth and prosperity since that time. The City's motto - Community Pride and Forward Vision identifies Stanton as a place where innovation and pride in the community are an important aspect of life in Stanton. For more information, please contact Stephen Parker at (714) 890-4226 or visit the City's website at www.ci.stanton.ca.us.

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