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Subject: MARTINEZ CITY COUNCIL ACTS TO PLACE LOCAL FUNDING MEASURE ON THE BALLOT TO ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE AND ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES

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MARTINEZ – The Martinez City Council placed the Quality of Life and Essential Services Measure on the November 2018 ballot on Monday. If enacted, the measure would help maintain Martinez’s Neighborhood Policing Program, maintain 911 emergency response time and other public priorities such as protecting and maintaining local park and open spaces, maintaining storm drains, maintaining youth and recreation programs and addressing homelessness.

“By maintaining Martinez’s Neighborhood Policing Program, at least one on-duty officer will continue to be provided to each neighborhood area – ensuring police officers can respond quickly to 911 emergency calls,” said Police Chief Manjit Sappal.

If enacted, the local funding measure would allow Martinez to recruit and retain experienced police officers, fund violent crime investigation and prevention and address crime related to drugs and alcohol.

Additionally, “every year during major winter storms, the City experiences major flooding downtown and in older parts of the City,” stated City Manager Brad Kilger, “Maintaining our storm drains prevents flooding and keeps pollution from flowing into Alhambra Creek and the Bay.”

If enacted, all voter-approved funding generated by this measure would be locally-controlled and cannot be taken by the State. The Measure also includes independent annual financial audits, public spending reports and an independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee.

A recently commissioned independent survey conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates Research indicated as much as 60% of respondents would support a simple majority requirement local funding measure to address quality of life and essential services.

For more information about the Martinez Quality of Life and Essential Services Measure, visit www.cityofmartinez.org.

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