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Proposed Budget Presented to Menifee City Council

MENIFEE- A proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2019/20 was presented to the Menifee City Council during a recent budget workshop. The \$60.9 million balanced budget includes a transfer-in from the Menifee Police reserve fund of \$2.8M to offset the startup costs of the new Menifee Police Department, as well as a transfer-in from the General Plan Reserve fund. In response to resident requests, the proposed budget is comprised of significant investments in public safety, services for residents and infrastructure improvements, including road repairs and enhancements. As city requests have increased with continued population growth, allocations are represented for the hiring of new employees to respond to citizen calls for service. The proposed budget also satisfies Council-adopted policies and strategic visioning, including the city's financial contingency plan.

"The proposed budget goes beyond meeting the city's goals and objectives for fiscal wellness and financial flexibility," said City Manager, Armando Villa. "It also demonstrates we are enhancing the city's economic well-being by creating a safe and sustainable community in which infrastructure and public safety needs are served efficiently."

The proposed budget includes a significant allocation increase attributed to public safety, a strategic visioning priority set forth by the city council. As the city prepares to establish its new police department, the proposed budget includes funding for up to 75 public safety positions (sworn and non-sworn) as well as funding to rehab the old city hall location into the new police headquarters.



The investments in public safety will be funded in part by revenue from Measure DD, the city's one-percent sales tax. Measure DD funds will also be allocated towards code enforcement, paramedic and fire services and equipment, and capital projects including the construction of the Bradley Bridge. To ensure funds are used in accordance with citizen guidance, all Measure DD expenditures are reviewed by the Measure DD Citizen Oversight Committee.

"Measure DD allows us to meet the city's public safety needs, which is the number one priority" said Michael Cano, Chair of the Measure DD Citizen Oversight Committee. "The reviewed proposed budget reflects that the city is on the right track with a fiscally prudent approach in allocating Measure DD funds."

As the seventh fastest-growing city in California with a population over 30,000, the proposed budget for FY19/20 focuses on meeting the demands of growth, enhanced public safety measures and smart planning for future city needs.

Full details about the current year's budget and previous budgets are available at www.cityofmenifee.us/Finance.

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ABOUT MENIFEE: *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 90,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*

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