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Menifee's Homeless Population Decreases

MENIFEE- The 2019 Riverside County Point in Time Count (PITC) found a 22.7 percent decrease of homeless in the City of Menifee. This year's PIT count documented 17 homeless individuals in the City of Menifee, 5 less than last year's count of 22. This ranks Menifee as having the second lowest amount of homeless in the region.

The annual Point in Time Count (PITC), which is spearheaded by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services, was conducted on January 29. More than 700 volunteers spread out to document the incidence of homelessness in communities around the county.

"The City of Menifee has a unified and strategic approach to homelessness," said Councilmember Lesa Sobek of District 3, who participated in the count again this year. "With the Responsible Compassion Campaign and the Menifee Homeless Task Force, we are combining efforts and streamlining resources so we can have a greater impact with the homeless community in Menifee."

During the past several years, the City of Menifee has enhanced its efforts to reduce homelessness and its impacts on the community through Menifee's Homeless Task Force and Menifee's Responsible Compassion Campaign. Partnering with several agencies, the Menifee Homeless Task Force actively engages with homeless individuals in an attempt to persuade them to accept human services and, when possible, housing opportunities. The Menifee Homeless Taskforce consists of the City of Menifee Community Services Department Park Rangers, Riverside County Sherriff's Department, Social Work Action Group (SWAG) and the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard.

For more information about the Menifee Homeless Task Force or Menifee homelessness efforts or resources, please contact the Menifee Community Services Department at (951) 723-3880 or contact Jason Hendrix, Community Services Supervisor at jhendrix@cityofmenifee.us.

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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.*