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Fountain Valley City Council Acts to Place Funding Measure on November Ballot to Protect and Maintain Vital City Services

Fountain Valley – The Fountain Valley City Council voted to place a local funding measure on the November 2016 election ballot at the July 19th City Council meeting. If enacted by the voters, the funding would pay for vital City services such as, police and fire, street repair and maintenance, and maintaining local flood drains and parks.

“To be blunt, the City has been running a structural deficit for the last three years and if we do not act to reverse this trend this will threaten our fiscal sustainability. We will run out of funds within the next few years,” said Fountain Valley City Manager Bob Hall. The City Council and City staff has worked hard to save money by cutting city employee health plans, raising employee contributions to their pensions, and reducing the number of City employees.”

According to Fountain Valley budget documents, the City will be insolvent by the year 2021. Factors that have contributed to the current fiscal crisis are Sacramento’s practice of raiding local governments to balance the state budget, the Great Recession’s impact on the housing markets and business development, and increased regulations which drive up construction costs.

“We have informed the community that unless additional revenue is identified, we potentially have to close fire station #2, cut the number of police and fire fighters and cut or severely reduce recreational programs for children and seniors,” said Hall.

For more information regarding Fountain Valley’s 2016 – 2017 budget, please visit www.fountainvalley.org.

The 2016 general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th.

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