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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Downey Transient Occupancy Tax Measure**

**Downey, CA, June 13, 2022:** On July 12, the Downey City Council voted unanimously to place the *Downey Transient Occupancy Tax Measure* on the November 8, 2022, ballot to maintain and enhance City services. If passed by a majority of Downey voters, this measure is estimated to generate approximately \$950,000 annually by increasing the City's transient occupancy tax (TOT) from the current rate of 9% to 13%.

TOT is paid by individuals staying overnight at a hotel in the City of Downey and helps to fund local services, programs, and infrastructure maintenance. The measure would also update the City's existing ordinance to apply the TOT to short-term rental reservations, should they be permitted to operate in the City in the future.

"The number one priority of our City Council and staff is to ensure Downey remains a desirable and safe place to live, work, and raise a family. This action will allow voters to decide if they want to approve additional funding for City services, including neighborhood police patrols, fire protection, 911 emergency response, parks, recreation programs for youth and seniors, and street improvements," said Mark Scott, Interim City Manager. "All revenue raised by this measure would stay in Downey to be spent locally on City services and community programs."

The City Council's decision comes after careful consideration and evaluation of options to maintain and enhance the City's services for our residents and businesses. The City prides itself in being a full-service City, providing a wide variety of services, including police, fire protection, emergency medical services, water distribution, library services, and parks and recreational facilities.

The City will continue engaging and educating community members about the *Downey Transient Occupancy Tax Measure* through November to ensure the community can make an informed decision on Election Day.

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