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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Endorses Los Angeles County Measure H—The Los Angeles County Plan to Combat Homelessness

LOS ANGELES (February 28, 2017) – The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy announced today that it had unanimously endorsed Los Angeles County Measure H a quarter-cent tax increase to fund supportive homelessness services and assistance for those at risk of becoming homeless. Measure H, which appears on the March 7, 2017 ballot, requires a two-thirds supermajority vote to pass. The funds generated by the measure will invest \$350 million a year for 10 years to combat homelessness throughout the county. If passed, the measure would go into effect on July 1, 2017

“In the past several years, parklands and public spaces throughout the region have seen a significant increase in homeless individuals who are badly in need of services to provide their basic needs,” said Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. “This is everybody’s issue. Measure H will allow for an immediate, coordinated response to this increasingly complex problem.”

Parkland owned by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). The MRCA provides operations, ranger services, and natural resources expertise to ensure that the parkland that it manages is safe and accessible to all.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is a State Agency that was established by the Legislature in 1980. Since that time, it has helped preserve more than 74,000 acres of parkland in both wilderness and urban settings. The Conservancy’s mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of Southern California to form and interlinking system of urban, rural, and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitat that are easily accessible to the general public.

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