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Voters Approve Measure PH With Over Two-Thirds Support

Whittier, CA — The Puente Hills Habitat Preservation Authority (Habitat Authority) is pleased to acknowledge the probable passage of Measure PH, the Puente Hills Preserve (Turnbull Canyon, Hacienda Hills, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero, Powder Canyon) Protection Measure. While the results have not been certified by the county yet, we believe that Measure PH has passed based on all ballots counted so far.

Currently with 68.03% of the surrounding communities supporting Measure PH, it far surpassed the two-thirds majority needed for approval. Passage of this measure will contribute to wildfire prevention activities of the Puente Hills and ensure that the trails and wildlife habitats will remain protected for generations to come.

“We are pleased that the communities of the Puente Hills region have recognized the immense value and incredible importance of Measure PH to better the environment, protect property values, and preserve the beauty of the hills for this and future generations. The surrounding residents have fought hard over the decades to protect the rich biological diversity of these hills and to keep it accessible. It is clear time and time again that the voters have shown what they value and care about – their love of the hills,” said Ivan Sulic, Chair of the Habitat Authority’s Board of Directors.

In July, the Habitat Authority unanimously voted to form a legal entity called a Community Facilities District (CFD) which allowed the Habitat Authority to place Measure PH on the November 2024 general election ballot within the district’s boundaries of Whittier, La Habra Heights, Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights. Measure PH is a special tax of 1¢ per building square foot (about \$18 dollars a year for the average homeowner). Key projects Measure PH will fund include clearing brush from structures and emergency access roads for first responders; protecting local natural lands by preventing and removing homeless encampments, vandalism and illegal dumping; maintaining park ranger patrols for fire safety, keeping our hills and trails safe and providing emergency response; maintaining natural habitats, and other open space management services. Measure PH will generate approximately \$1.1 million a year.

Since its establishment in 1994, the Habitat Authority has been committed to preserving and protecting the open space and natural habitats of the Puente Hills area. Over the past three decades, the Habitat Authority has safeguarded over 3,800 acres of vital habitat, including Hacienda Hills, Turnbull Canyon, Sycamore Canyon, Hellman Park, Arroyo Pescadero, and Powder Canyon. The Habitat Authority offers vital environmental and community benefits by preventing wildfires, preserving natural habitats, and providing recreational opportunities. The Habitat Authority’s work has been made possible by the collaboration and support of its partners, volunteers, and the local community.

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