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LOS ANGELES COUNTY
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BEACH COMMISSION SUPPORTS MEASURE A TO FUND PARKS/BEACHES

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF. – October 26, 2016 - The Los Angeles County Beach Commission today voted to support Measure A, a November ballot proposal that Commissioners said would “preserve, protect and improve” the County’s iconic beaches.

The Commission voted unanimously to support the “Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Protection Measure of 2016,” a property tax assessment that would generate \$94 million per year for local parks, beaches and open space areas.

“We support the measure to preserve, protect, and improve our local beaches,” said Rosi Dagit, Chair of the Commission that serves as an advisory board to the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Largely known as a parks funding measure, the ballot proposal also would provide an estimated \$7 million annually for beaches, specifically for improvement projects and deferred maintenance on aging coastal structures, including lifeguard operations facilities, recreational structures and amenities, and beach restrooms from Malibu to San Pedro.

If approved by voters on November 8, Measure A would tax developed property at a rate of 1 ½ cents per square foot, and be included on the annual property tax bill. The estimated annual tax for the owner of a 1,500 square foot home would be \$22.50. Measure A would replace expiring dedicated funding from voter-approved Propositions A of 1992 and 1996.

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The Los Angeles County Beach Commission is a 20-member body appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The Commission reviews policies, capital projects and contracts as related to the County-operated beaches.

The Department of Beaches and Harbors is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all County-owned and operated beaches, which stretch from Nicholas Canyon in Malibu to White Point and Royal Palms in San Pedro.

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