



# City of Hermosa Beach

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## **RE: Measure A – SUPPORT**

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, I am writing to express our support for Los Angeles County Measure A - for Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks. If approved, the measure will provide stable, local funding from an annual parcel tax of 1.5 cents per square foot of building floor area for parks and open space including beaches and cultural institutions throughout the region.

Parks, open space and natural water resources are vital to life here in Los Angeles County. These natural areas help make our communities a wonderful place to live and protect our quality of life.

For more than 20 years, communities throughout the County have relied on local, voter-approved funding from the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Acts of 1992 and 1996 (Proposition A). However, funding from the 1992 Proposition A ended in 2015 and funding from the 1996 Proposition will end in 2019. The Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure of 2016 (Measure A) ensures that our County's diverse communities continue to receive the critical local funding they need.

Funding from the measure will repair and upgrade neighborhood parks; keep kids safe and out of trouble; conserve water; and protect our last open spaces. It is for these reasons that Hermosa Beach supports Measure A.

Sincerely,

Hany Fangary  
Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach

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**RE: Measure M – SUPPORT**

Honorable John Fasana, Chairman and  
Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Fasana and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti:

On behalf of the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, I am writing to express our support for Measure M - the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. Currently, there are 10.2 million people living in Los Angeles County, and we are projected to grow by 2.3 million people in the next 40 years. Traffic congestion and air pollution are expected to get worse with more growth, and this measure is intended to raise critical funds to meet those needs.

Measure M is expected to generate an estimated \$860 million a year in 2017 dollars, and Metro's goals for the expenditure plan are to:

1. Ease traffic congestion; improve freeway traffic flow, and reduce bottlenecks;
2. Expand the rail and rapid transit system; accelerate rail construction and build new rail lines; enhance local, regional, and express bus service; and improve system connectivity;
3. Repave local streets, repair potholes, and synchronize signals; improve neighborhood streets and intersections, and enhance bike and pedestrian connections;
4. Make public transportation more accessible, convenient, and affordable for seniors, students, and the disabled; and provide better mobility options for our aging population;
5. Earthquake-retrofit bridges, and keep the transit and highway system safe and in good working condition;
6. Embrace technology and innovation; incorporate modern technology, new advancements, and emerging innovations into the local transportation system;
7. Create jobs, reduce pollution, and generate local economic benefits; increase personal quality time and overall quality of life; and
8. Provide accountability and transparency; protect and monitor the public's investments through independent audits and oversight.

In addition to supporting broader County-wide projects, funding from this measure will be critical to several local projects which will provide value to the South Bay region specifically. It is for these reasons that Hermosa Beach supports Measure M.

Sincerely,

Hany Fangary  
Mayor, City of Hermosa Beach

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