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CHINO HILLS CITY COUNCIL PLACES MEASURE M (HOTEL TAX) BEFORE THE VOTERS

Chino Hills, CA – The Chino Hills City Council has placed a measure on the November 3, 2020 Municipal Election ballot proposing to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) 2%, from 10% to 12%. TOT (also known as the hotel tax) is a general tax, which is directed to the City's general fund and may be used for any lawful local governmental purpose. Resolutions proposing this general tax were approved by the City Council on July 14, 2020. A general tax rate increase must be submitted to the electorate and approved by a majority vote (50% + one).

TOT is a charge paid by guests of hotels and lodging facilities in the City. It is not a tax on Chino Hills property owners unless they stay in a Chino Hills hotel. TOT rates in the region range from 8% to 14% of the room rate. TOT is a way for the City to tax visitors to contribute toward the cost of City services. The proposed TOT increase, from 10% to 12%, would, for example, add \$3.00 to the cost of a room renting for \$150. This change would provide an estimated additional \$260,000 in annual revenues to fund City services. To review additional information and documents related to Measure M, please visit www.chinohills.org/MeasureM.

The City of Chino Hills City Hall is an official drop-off location for vote-by-mail ballots. Voters may deposit their ballots 24/7 in a secure ballot drop-off box located in front of the James S. Thalman Chino Hills Library at 14020 City Center Drive, beginning October 6 through November 3 at 8:00 pm. The City Clerk's Office is also hosting a Vote-By-Mail ballot drop-off event on October 22 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Polling place information and official election results are available at the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters website www.sbcountyelections.com. Because there are fewer polling places, they will be open for voting for four days from Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 2 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. On Election Day Tuesday, November 3, polling places will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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