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***LOS BANOS CITY COUNCIL ACTS TO PLACE PUBLIC
SAFETY & ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES MEASURE
Local funding would maintain fiscal stability, local police and fire
protection***

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On Wednesday, the Los Banos City Council placed the Essential City Services Measure on the November 2018 ballot to maintain the City's fiscal stability, local public safety and other essential services such as 911 response times for police officers and firefighters, maintaining anti-gang and youth violence prevention programs, and other quality of life services. If enacted, all funds from this measure would be used in Los Banos.

"With crime, gang and drug activity in surrounding cities filtering in and affecting our Los Banos neighborhoods, we must maintain our police patrols to keep Los Banos safe," said Police Chief Gary Brizzee.

If enacted, the local funding measure would ensure rapid emergency response times. Besides maintaining and protecting police and fire, the measure would also protect anti-gang and youth violence prevention programs. Support for public recreation facilities intended to provide both seniors and children with safe recreational alternatives –also keeping youth safe – are also being considered.

"With temperatures regularly topping 100 degrees, summer heat can be dangerous for children and seniors. A public pool would provide the community use for exercise, play, and staying cool," said City Manager Alex Terrazas.

Although not required, the measure would have an independent citizens oversight committee to ensure funds are spent properly. By law, all funding would be spent locally and cannot be taken by the State.

An independent survey conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates earlier this year indicated as much as 75% of respondents would support a simple majority requirement local funding measure to address public safety and other vital services.

For more information about the Los Banos Essential Services Measure, visit www.losbanos.org.