



## Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

*Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains*

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### SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION STATEMENT ON “LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE, CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, OPEN SPACE, BEACHES, RIVERS PROTECTION, AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURE”

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**Chatsworth, CA:** The County of Los Angeles has placed **MEASURE A** on the ballot for the November 2016 general election. MEASURE A provides replacement funding for maintenance and improvement of parks across the county, in cities and in unincorporated areas.

*The Board of Directors of the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association (SSMPA) supports the passage of Measure A.*

Approval of Measure A would authorize Los Angeles to levy a special tax (“Tax”) annually on improved property parcels in the entire County, including all cities and the unincorporated areas of the County, starting in fiscal year 2017-18. The tax will be about \$22 per year for a typical property owner.

Proceeds from the tax will be used to replace an expired 1992 assessment, and a 1996 assessment expiring in 2019. Tax proceeds will be used to develop or implement projects consistent with the 2016 Countywide Park Needs Assessment. Projects will include developing, enhancing, and preserving parks, play areas, beaches, open space lands, natural areas, waterways, water resources, and equestrian facilities, promoting health and encouraging community use including for seniors and youth, investing in areas with high-needs for parks, developing and improving local and regional recreational facilities, maintaining and improving park safety, healthiness, and accessibility, and providing and facilitating safe places to play, afterschool programs, career development, job training, educational and cultural resources.

As preservation and enhancement of parks is central to SSMPA’s mission, we deem the approval of ballot Measure A to be a responsible authorization of funds for the benefit of parks for all the people of Los Angeles County.

About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 43 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

**SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and regional open space.**

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