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## NEWS RELEASE

### **CITY RESPONDS TO THE DEFEAT OF CANYON LAKE'S PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURE**

*With the failure of Measure D, Canyon Lake is expected to close its only fire station and will rely on others, including Lake Elsinore, to provide fire and emergency services.*

**LAKE ELSINORE** – (November 6, 2013) – Due to the failure of the City of Canyon Lake's Measure D, at next week's November 12<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting the City will address how it can work with its regional partners to ensure fire and emergency services are fairly provided and funded throughout the region.

Measure D was a special property tax assessment that was expected to provide the funding needed to keep Canyon Lake's only fire station, Station 60, open. However, with its failure, Fire Station 60 may close as early as December 5, 2013. At this time, the City of Lake Elsinore will be among other communities responsible for providing fire and emergency services to the City of Canyon Lake.

Mayor Bob Magee released the following statement regarding the results of the measure:

"It is very unfortunate that the citizens of Canyon Lake have voted not to pass this important public safety measure for their community. In Lake Elsinore, public safety is our number one priority. In just the last decade, we have built and opened three fire stations to provide our residents with the best fire and emergency services possible. Moving forward, we must ensure our residents' tax dollars are not used to subsidize fire protection services for other communities and that we can continue to provide our residents the highest level of service."

In the City of Lake Elsinore, most residents pay up to \$450 in property tax assessments each year to fund public safety within the community. As a result, earlier this year the City opened its fourth fire station, Station 97, in Rosetta Canyon. This was the third fire station built and opened within the City in a little more than 10 years.

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Councilmember Brian Tisdale, who led the charge to open Station 97, also released the following statement:

“In our community, public safety comes first. We vow to work closely with local officials to ensure the region, and its residents, continue receiving the highest level of fire and emergency services. Together, I am confident we can come up with a plan that is fair and responsive to the needs of our region.”

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**About the [City of Lake Elsinore](#)**

*The City of Lake Elsinore features Southern California's largest natural freshwater lake. It is the second oldest and fastest growing city in Riverside County, celebrating its 125th Year of Incorporation on April 9, 2013. The City's current population is estimated at approximately 55,430. The City's brand and slogan, "Dream Extreme," exemplify the scenic beauty and active lifestyle of this 125-year old boomtown. Visitors and residents enjoy water sports such as skiing, power boating and fishing, a world-class sky diving drop zone, a regional motocross track, professional baseball, an 18-hole golf course, outlet shops, plus dining and entertainment in Historic Downtown. Visit [www.Lake-Elsinore.org](http://www.Lake-Elsinore.org) for more information.*

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