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**City of Menifee Approves Professional Services Agreement for Housing Element**

**MENIFEE, CA-** On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, the Menifee City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates to update the Housing Element of the City's General Plan. California state law requires all jurisdictions (counties and cities) to adopt a general plan, a vision on how the community will grow in the future, which includes goals and policies to guide the community towards this future growth. The California State Legislature has identified the attainment of a decent home and suitable living environment for every California as the State's major housing goal.

"The City of Menifee housing element update will ensure that we're prepared to meet the future housing needs of Menifee as we continue to grow as Southwest Riverside County's fastest growing city." said Community Development Director, Cheryl Kitzerow. "The update process will be a 15-month community-based effort with a variety of opportunities for the community to be involved."

The Housing Element is required to address the production, preservation, and improvement of housing within a community. Among its most important functions, the Housing Element analyzes existing and future housing needs; addresses various constraints to meeting local housing needs; identifies land, financial, and administrative resources for housing; sets forth goals and policies to meet community housing needs; and establishes housing programs and an implementation plan. An adequate supply of quality affordable housing is fundamental to the economic and social well-being of Menifee, its residents, and its economy.

For more information on the Housing Element, please contact Doug Darnell, Community Development Senior Planner, at [ddarnell@cityofmenifee.us](mailto:ddarnell@cityofmenifee.us) or by phone at (951)672-6777.

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 97,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*