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## **WILDOMAR RESIDENTS VALUE COMMUNITY PARKS, INTERESTED IN LOCAL FUNDING MEASURE TO SAVE WILDOMAR PARKS**

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A recently commissioned independent survey shows voters in the City of Wildomar support funding to save community parks. The survey, conducted by the highly respected opinion research firm of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, shows 77% would support a local funding measure on the November 2012 ballot to save parks and recreational services.

“Our community clearly values our community parks,” said Wildomar City Manager Frank Oviedo. “I am pleased that the community is interested in a local funding measure to support local community parks.”

“Wildomar has already been forced to close its two community parks,” Oviedo added. “Without additional funds, the City will have to close Marna O’Brien Park, permanently leaving Wildomar without a single city park.”

The City of Wildomar commissioned the survey to assess park funding service priorities and gauge community interest in placing a local funding measure on the November 2012 ballot to support Wildomar community parks.

“Recreation and parks programs provide positive opportunities for local children and youth to play and interact with other kids when they are not in school,” said Wildomar Mayor Ben Benoit.

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"Community parks provide important alternatives that help keep kids off the streets and away from the temptation of gangs, drugs, graffiti and vandalism."

A local funding measure for parks would provide locally-controlled funds to address park priorities including: maintaining safe playground equipment and clean public restrooms, restoring safety lighting, and removing graffiti.

"Any measure would require that all funds are used locally and cannot be taken by Sacramento," said Oviedo, "Independent financial audits will also help ensure funds are spent as promised and are used locally for Wildomar community parks only."

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