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PRESS RELEASE

City Council Moves Forward in Advanced Government Technology and Approves Paperless Agendas

Downey, CA, September 18, 2013: In an effort to save staff time and money, the Downey City Council has approved the implementation of a new paperless agenda process. The City's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget included the approval to purchase iPads for each Council Member in order to facilitate the transition. The iPads will replace the City Council agenda packets that are currently printed out, hand distributed, and assembled for each Council Member and various City staff members. The current packets are cumbersome and typically contain approximately 150 pieces of paper in each packet, taking approximately 2-3 hours to assemble.

Mayor Mario A. Guerra supports the new paperless agenda process stating, "We want to take full advantage of the latest innovation in advanced government technology to save natural and financial resources, while providing our Council Members with a more convenient and efficient way to view agendas and prepare for meetings."

The process is efficient, environmentally friendly, and nearly effortless. The Thursday preceding each Council meeting, the new packet will be downloaded to Dropbox and each Council Member will be sent a link from which they can download the packet onto their iPads. Using iAnnotate, a note taking "app," Council Members can review the agenda, bookmark pages, and add notations. The meeting of September 24, 2013 will mark the first 100% paperless meeting for Council Members.

City Council Agendas are also available for the public the Thursday preceding the City Council Meeting at: www.downeyca.org and the City Library. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280 for additional information.

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