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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: City of Ojai Confirms November 19 City Council Special Meeting for Gymnastics; Announces Meeting Details

Ojai, CA – The City of Ojai confirmed its planned November 19, 2024, Special Meeting of the Ojai City Council for the purpose of discussing the Recreation Department Gymnastics Program (the Program). The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place at 6:00 PM at Kent Hall and will be livestreamed.

At the meeting, a staff report regarding the Program will be presented to the City Council for their review and discussion. Included in the staff report will be:

- Scope and size of the Program, including ages and program participation levels and types, such as competitive, travelling competitions, and local programs.
- Number of participants in the Program (both Ojai residents, and non-Ojai residents);
- Percentage of Recreation Department budget allocated towards the Program;
- Annual City revenue received from the Program registration;
- Annual City expenditures for staff and other costs of the Program;
- Footprint of the Program at the gym;
- Concerns regarding City liability associated with the Program;
- Concerns regarding potential instances of gifts of public funds associated with the Program; and
- Outstanding need for an agreement between the City and the Ojai Valley Gymnastics Parents' Group (OVGPG) for the Program, and information regarding past funds and equipment transfers between the City and OVGPG.

City staff will be asking the City Council for direction at the November 19 Special Meeting for any potential modifications to the Program they may wish to be implemented. No action or modification will be made to the Recreation Department Gymnastics Program until City Council direction is provided to staff at the November 19 Special City Council Meeting. Please also note that the Recreation Department Activity Guide will not be finalized until City staff receives direction from City Council regarding the Program.

Public comment regarding the Program may be sent to the City Council at <https://ojai.ca.gov/formcenter/City-Council-9/Contact-the-City-Council-Mayor-50>

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