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CITY OF SAN FERNANDO ANNOUNCES APPLICATION PERIOD FOR 2022 VETERANS BANNER PROGRAM

SAN FERNANDO, CA – On Thursday, November 11, 2021, the City of San Fernando will begin accepting applications to honor local U.S. Military Veterans through the 2022 Veterans Banner Program. Thanks to funding approved by the San Fernando City Council, the 2022 Veterans Banner Program will be offered free of charge to qualified applicants.

The City of San Fernando's Veteran Recognition Program was created in 2019 to honor and recognize local U.S. Military Veterans that reside (current or previously), or have a family member that resides, in the City of San Fernando. Eligible military branches include the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Active Reserve National Guard.

Mayor Sylvia Ballin, whose participation on the Independent Cities Financing Authority provided the funding for the 2022 Veterans Banner Program, stated, "the City Council is proud of our local military veterans and honored to be able to offer the 2022 program free of charge. These men and women have earned the highest level of respect and admiration from the entire San Fernando community."

Banners displaying each honoree's likeness, rank and branch of military service will be displayed along Maclay Avenue, Truman Street and San Fernando Road beginning in May 2022 and will continue through November 2022. At the

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conclusion of the program in November 2022, the banners will be given to the honoree to keep as a token of the City's appreciation for their service.

Applications will be accepted through April 15, 2022 and can be accessed on the City's website: <u>SFCITY.ORG/Veterans-Recognition-Program</u>. For more information, please contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (818) 898-1290 or <u>Recreation@sfcity.org</u>.

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