



La Palma City Council
May 16, 2017

“In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum” Resolution



Background

- **In 2002, a Bakersfield City Councilmember encouraged Bakersfield City Council towards a “Yes Vote” to proudly and prominently display the national motto of the United States, “In God We Trust” in the Council Chambers.**
- **Non-profit organization formed: In God We Trust – America, Inc. with the mission to spread patriotism across America.**
- **“In God We Trust” became the nation’s motto when it was approved by the United States Congress in 1956.**



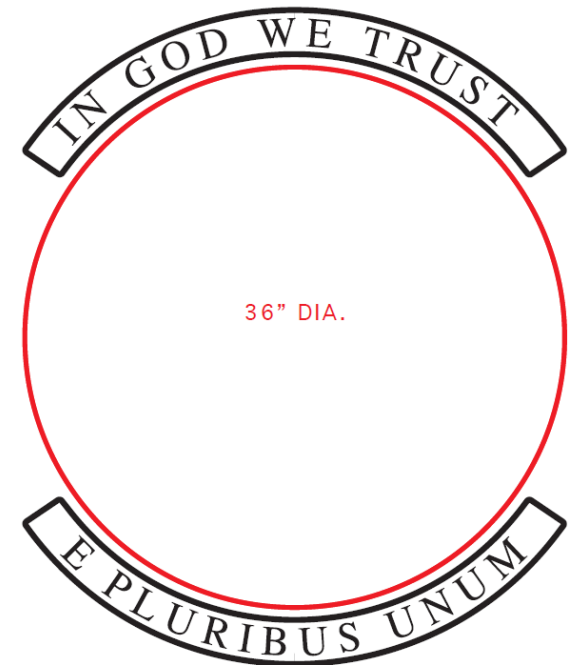
“In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum” Adopted By Cities and Counties

- **If City Council adopts this resolution, the City of La Palma will join:**
 - 20 cities in Orange County
 - More than 100 cities in California
 - 480 cities nationwide to display the national motto and creed in their council chambers
- **Orange County cities who display the “In God We Trust” motto include:**
 - Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster and Yorba Linda.



Fiscal Impact

- The mottos will be placed above and below the current brass City Seal.
 - The lettering will be 2 inches
- The estimated cost for both brass plaques is approximately \$1,500.
- Expense to be absorbed in the current FY 2016-17 Citywide Maintenance Budget



4006 5083894 TL 4/7/17, 4/11 PY (2) 36"x3.3" SL



Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution to add “In God We Trust” and “E Pluribus Unum” above and below the City Seal, respectively, in the City Council Chambers.





Questions & Comments

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