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PUBLIC INVITED TO GET “SET TO SAVE”

PALM DESERT, CA – Palm Desert residents who would like to save money and energy while protecting the environment are invited to a free community meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive.

The meeting will provide information about the City’s **Set to Save** program and how people can start saving immediately after signing up for free home energy surveys and free in-home efficiency tune-ups.

Residents who schedule a free efficiency tune-up will get a visit from a contractor who will replace and/or make minor repairs to lighting, fixtures, doors, and windows to ensure that the home is operating at maximum energy efficiency. Participants save money on energy bills and receive new energy efficient products. On average, contractors provide about \$200 worth of free material and labor. These tune-ups are funded by California utility ratepayers through the Community Energy Partnership – a cooperative effort between Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, Palm Desert and nine other Southern California cities, that is facilitated by The Energy Coalition.

The in-home surveys, provided by the City’s Office of Energy Management, identify things that Palm Desert residents can do to save energy and cash on their utility bills. Residents who schedule a free survey and who make the recommended changes can save even more, courtesy of the **Set to Save** program. For example, residents can save up to \$1,400 on the cost of a single, high efficiency air conditioner when they replace a working, older system thanks to **Set to Save**.

To learn more about in-home surveys, efficiency tune-ups, and **Set To Save** – a partnership between the City of Palm Desert, Southern California Edison, The Southern California Gas Company, and The Energy Coalition – go to the **Set to Save** web site at www.settosave.com or call the Palm Desert Office of Energy Management at 837-0287.

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