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## FILMING REMAINS STRONG IN SANTA CLARITA

Santa Clarita had another strong year of location filming in fiscal year 2015-2016 (July 2015-June 2016) with the Film Office recording 528 film permits and 1,305 location film days, which generated an estimated economic impact of \$30.9 million to the local community. Not included in the reported numbers are the film days and economic benefit from filming that takes place on certified sound stages and does not require a film permit.

More than half of the filming days for FY 2015-2016 were attributed to television production alone, many of which were from local Santa Clarita based shows which included returning hits "Blunt Talk," "NCIS," "Part Timers," "Recovery Road," "Switched at Birth," and "Stitchers." Additionally, several new productions moved into area sound stages last fiscal year including, "Good Girls Revolt," "Mistresses," "Santa Clarita Diet," "Shooter," and "Westworld."

Other productions that filmed on location in Santa Clarita last fiscal year include television shows, "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "Bar Rescue," "Baskets," "Bosch," "Cesar 911," "Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders," "Fresh Off the Boat," "The Last Ship," "Modern Family, "NCIS: LA," "Roadies," "Scorpion," "Teen Wolf," "Transparent," "Twin Peaks," among others. Feature films included *Behold My Heart, Day of Reckoning, How to be a Latin Lover, La La Land, The Last Word, The Lovers* and more.

Many factors have contributed to the continued success and appeal of filming in Santa Clarita including the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program, as well as the City's own Film Incentive Program and Movie Ranch Overlay Zone.

"We're excited Santa Clarita has retained its reputation as an ideal location for productions to film their projects" said Mayor Bob Kellar. "We remain committed to making Santa Clarita a top

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choice for filming because the entertainment industry provides high paying jobs and contributes significantly to our local economy."

Santa Clarita's numerous sound stages, movie ranches, thousands of film-friendly locations, its one-stop shop Film Office, low cost film permits and ideal location within the industry's 30 Mile Zone, have made the City one of the most filmed areas in California.

For more information about filming in Santa Clarita please visit <u>FilmSantaClarita.com</u> or contact the Film Office at (661) 284-1425. For an insider's view to filming in Santa Clarita, follow the Santa Clarita Film Office on Instagram (@FilmSantaClarita).

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