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**REVISED - SUPPORT SB 96 (PORTANTINO): HISTORIC VENUE RESTORATION
AND RESILIENCY ACT**

Los Angeles County is home to some of California’s most iconic venues, including the Rose Bowl, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and the Hollywood Bowl. These historic venues, like many others across California, have been essential contributors to California’s worldwide reputation as a center for sports and entertainment culture. Our historic venues serve as important economic catalysts across the County and State; therefore, it is vital to preserve and strengthen these facilities. Unfortunately, many of these venues are in critical need of reinvestments surrounding infrastructure, environmental sustainability, patron safety, preventative maintenance, and accessibility.

The modernization of infrastructure is necessary in supporting ongoing patronage and making these venues accessible to all residents in Los Angeles County. In addition to adding historical value and culture to our communities, these venues contribute to the economic growth of the surrounding cities with increased tourism, hotel stays, restaurant patronage, enhanced retail operations, and so much more.

[Senate Bill 96](#), the Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act, by Senator Anthony Portantino, provides percentage exemptions to the gross sales tax generated on the day of live events at these historic venues. This proposal will utilize sales and use tax revenues generated by historic venues that host live events for reinvestment in each respective venue’s infrastructure.

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These needed reinvestments include maintenance, renovations, security enhancements, and technical retrofits that enhance safety for patrons. The Historic Venue Restoration and Resiliency Act will also help bring historic venues into compliance with the federal Americans with Disability Act, ensuring all visitors have equal access to these iconic venues.

SB 96, "historic venue" is defined as a structure built before 1940 that is officially designated by the United States National Park Service, or the United States Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or is located at a site continuously used for live, ticketed events for more than 50 years.

SB 96 is supported by the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, and the UC Berkeley Athletic Department.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to send a five-signature letter to Senator Anthony Portantino in support of Senate Bill 96, legislation which seeks to reinvest sales and use tax revenue generated by historic venues to support their preservation and restoration.

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