



# PALMDALE

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June 27, 2024

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

109 September 10, 2024

EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Edward Yen, Executive Officer  
Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Executive Officer Yen:

Attached are certified copies of the City of Palmdale's Election Resolutions Nos. CC 2024-043 calling for a General Municipal Election, and CC 2024-044 requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles allow the City to consolidate and render specified services relating to its General Municipal Election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Please note that the City of Palmdale does take responsibility to reimburse the County for costs incurred for services rendered.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 661-267-5151 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Faber  
City Clerk

Attachment

CITY OF PALMDALE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2024-043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE CHARTER

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the City of Palmdale Charter, a General Municipal Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the election of Municipal Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to the requirements of the City of Palmdale Charter, there is called and ordered to be held in the City of Palmdale, California, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, a General Municipal Election for the purpose of electing two (2) Councilmembers elected by two (2) geographic districts established as Districts 1, and 2. Councilmembers in Districts 1, and 2 shall have a full four (4) year term.

**SECTION 2.** That the ballots to be used at the election shall be in form and content as required by law.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to procure and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies, equipment, and paraphernalia that may be necessary in order to properly and lawfully conduct the election.

**SECTION 4.** The vote centers and vote-by-mail drop boxes for the election shall be open as required during the identified voting period pursuant to California Elections Code Sections 4005 and 14401.

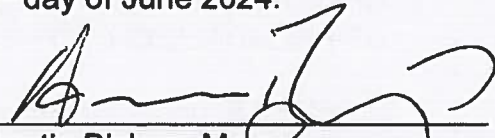
**SECTION 5.** That in all particulars not recited in this resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding municipal elections.

**SECTION 6.** That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given, and the City Clerk is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election in time, form, and manner as required by law.

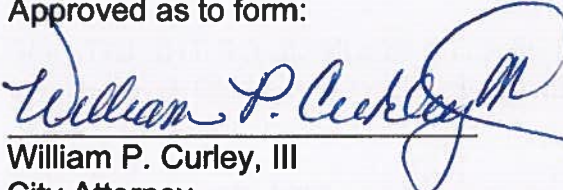
**SECTION 7.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**SECTION 8.** The City Council authorizes the City Clerk to administer said election and all reasonable and actual election expenses shall be paid by the City upon presentation of a properly submitted bill by the County.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
Austin Bishop, Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
William P. Curley, III  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
Rochelle Scott, City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bishop, Loa, Ohlsen, Bettencourt, Alarcon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Date: 6/27/2024

  
Rochelle Scott, City Clerk

CITY OF PALMDALE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2024-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Palmdale will call a General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Palmdale on November 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles has been called to be held on November 5, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the City of Palmdale's General Municipal Election be consolidated with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date and within the City the Vote Centers and Election Officers of the two elections be the same, and that the county election department of the County of Los Angeles canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and that the election be held in all respects as if there were only one election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Pursuant to the requirements of Section 10403 of the Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby respectfully requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of a General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to be held in the County of Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby further respectfully requested to place upon the same ballot as that provided for and submitted to the electors of the City of Palmdale at said Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of electing two (2) Councilmembers representing two geographic districts established as Districts 1 and 2. Councilmembers in Districts 1 and 2 shall have a full four (4) year term.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Palmdale acknowledges that the consolidated election will be held and conducted according to Section 10418 of the California Elections Code.

**SECTION 4.** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to canvass the returns of said General Municipal Election.

**SECTION 5.** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to authorize and permit the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles to:

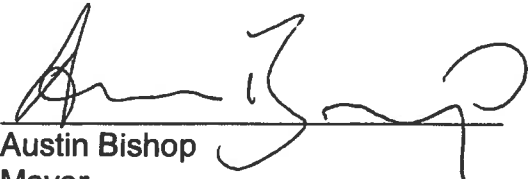
- a) Print and supply ballots for said City of Palmdale General Municipal Election;
- b) Mail the City's sample ballots and candidate statements of qualifications to the electors of the City of Palmdale as part of the same material that will be mailed to the voters of the Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles;
- c) Perform such other services as may be required for the consolidation and conduct of said City of Palmdale General Municipal Election with said Statewide General Election to be held in the County of Los Angeles.

**SECTION 6.** The vote centers for the election shall be open as required during the identified voting period pursuant to California Elections Code sections 4005 and 14401.

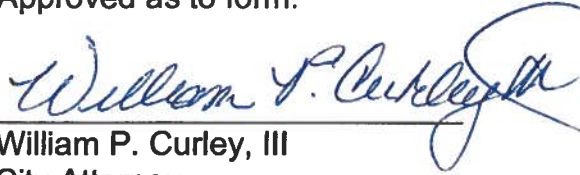
**SECTION 7.** The City agrees to reimburse the County of Los Angeles in full for the services performed on behalf of the City upon the presentation of a bill by the County.


**SECTION 8.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and to transmit an electronic copy to the Board of Supervisors and the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

  
Austin Bishop  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
William P. Curley, III  
City Attorney

ATTEST:  
  
Rochelle Scott  
City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 26th day of June, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bishop, Loa, Ohlsen, Bettencourt, Alarcon

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None                      ABSENT: None

Date: 6/27/2024

  
Rochelle Scott, City Clerk



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July 11, 2024

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Mr. Edward Yen, Executive Officer  
Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Executive Officer Yen:

Enclosed is the City of Palmdale's Certified Resolution No. CC 2024-070 relating to the November 5, 2024 consolidated election. Council adopted this Resolution submitting a Measure to the Palmdale voters; asking the County to allow this Measure to be placed on the consolidated election ballot; and authorizing, for this measure, written arguments, rebuttals, and the City Attorney's impartial analysis.

The City previously submitted certified copies of the City of Palmdale's Election Resolutions: CC 2024-043 calling for a General Municipal Election and CC 2024-044 requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles allow the City to consolidate and render full services relating to its General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact the City Clerk's office at (661) 267-5151 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rochelle Scott".

Rochelle Scott  
City Clerk

Attachment

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CITY COUNCIL

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Rochelle Scott, City Clerk of the City of Palmdale, State of California, do hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. CC 2024-070 adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Palmdale duly held at the City Hall Council Chamber, located at 38300 Sierra Highway, Suite B, July 10, 2024, at which meeting all of the members of said City Council had due notice and at which a majority thereof was present.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original Resolution No. CC 2024-070 on file and of record in my office and that said Resolution No. CC 2024-070 is a full, true, and correct copy of the original Resolution No. CC 2024-070 adopted at said meeting.

At said meeting, Resolution No. CC 2024-070 was adopted by the following:

- AYES: Mayor Bishop, Mayor Pro Tem Loa, Councilmembers Ohlsen, Bettencourt and Alarcón
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City of Palmdale this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

Rochelle Scott  
City Clerk

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**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals, in Section I. Intent of the City Council, are true, correct and constitute a substantive part of this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Amendment of Municipal Code.** The following sections of Chapter 3.21 ("Transactions and Use Tax") of the Palmdale Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Section 3.21.040 of the Palmdale Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**3.21.040 Transactions Tax Rate.**

**A.** For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of three-quarters of a cent per dollar (0.75 percent) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of the ordinance codified in this chapter.

**B.** If, whenever, and to the extent the rate specified in the preceding paragraph may lawfully be increased — whether because another transactions tax expires (e.g., a transactions tax imposed by the County of Los Angeles expires), the Legislature increases the statutory aggregate maximum transactions tax applicable to the City, or otherwise — it shall automatically increase to the maximum extent and rate permitted by law.

(b) Section 3.21.060 of the Palmdale Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**3.21.060 Use Tax Rate.**

**A.** An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance codified in this chapter for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of three-quarters of a cent per dollar (0.75 percent) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

**B. If, when, and to the extent the rate specified in the preceding paragraph may lawfully be increased — whether because another use tax expires (e.g., a use tax imposed by the County of Los Angeles expires), the Legislature increases the statutory aggregate maximum use tax applicable to the City, or otherwise — it shall automatically increase to the maximum extent and rate permitted by law.**

**Section 3 Severability.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase added by this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The people of the City of Palmdale hereby declares that they would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases are declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

**Section 4. Election Required.** This Ordinance shall not become effective unless and a until it is approved by a majority of City voters at the General Municipal Election to be held November 5, 2024.

**Section 5. Further Acts.** Upon approval by the voters, the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the voters of the City of Palmdale, State of California, at a municipal election held on November 5, 2024.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
ROCHELLE SCOTT  
City Clerk  
City of Palmdale

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AUSTIN BISHOP  
Mayor  
City of Palmdale

RESOLUTION NO. CC 2024-070

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE ORDERING THAT AN ORDINANCE BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, APPROVING ENACTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MEASURE, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING A WRITTEN ARGUMENT RELATING TO THE BALLOT MEASURE, AND PROVIDING FOR REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS RELATING TO THE BALLOT MEASURE

I. Intent of the City Council

The health and safety of all residents, businesses and visitors to the City of Palmdale ("the City") is this City Council's highest concern and commitment; and

The City continues its commitment to establishing and enhancing its commitment to strong community partnerships, safe neighborhoods and parks, quality services to support residents, and professional, respectful and responsive city employees to make the City a strong, caring and safe community for all residents; and

The City has been proactive in its actions to protect residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, to beneficially reopen businesses and partner with local employers to ensure a strong economic recovery, serving as a model for other cities in Los Angeles County such as Lancaster; and

The City is committed to maintaining accelerated 911 emergency response times, youth, veteran and senior community benefit services, ensuring that public spaces are safe and clean, providing tangible benefits to assist homelessness remediation, repairing streets, and maintaining other essential city services; and

The City faces serious fiscal challenges due to inflation, budget concerns of the State and post Covid 19 impacts with funding for public services threatened as a result; and

The City currently expects an alarming increase in costs without equal increase in revenues. This will severely limit its ability to provide these essential City services; and

The City Council has directed critical cost-saving measures, while working hard to maintain a necessary level of service to the community; and

Additional locally controlled funding is necessary to protect essential city services and keep our community growing strong, healthy and safe into the future; and

This City Council proposes to submit to City voters an ordinance to automatically increase the City's Transaction and Use Tax if, whenever, and to the extent permitted by applicable law; and

The Transaction and Use Tax revenue increase will now remain in the City of Palmdale (overseen by a community oversight committee); and

II. Resolution

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals that describe the purpose of the Council's actions are true and correct. The recitals are hereby incorporated into the operative provisions of this Resolution by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Council intends to call, and has done so, the City's General Municipal Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting the ordinance attached hereto as Attachment 1 (the "Ordinance") and incorporated herein to the voters pursuant to Section 9222 of the California Elections Code.

SECTION 3. The full text of the Ordinance is attached to this Resolution as Attachment 1 and shall be printed in the voter pamphlet. The measure to be submitted to the voters shall appear on the ballot as follows:

City of PALMDALE	
<b>Palmdale Essential Services Protection Measure</b>  "Shall an ordinance protecting Palmdale's long-term financial stability; maintaining essential city services; repairing streets/potholes; addressing homelessness; maintaining 911 emergency response; keeping public areas safe/clean for all; retaining local businesses; protecting local water sources; maintaining veterans, senior, mental health, community programs; by amending the city's sales and use tax ordinance to provide an automatic increase, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, to Palmdale's sales and use tax rate if, when, and to the extent the rate may lawfully be increased — whether because another use tax expires, the Legislature increases the statutory aggregate maximum use tax applicable to the City, or otherwise — be adopted?"	YES
	NO

A copy of the Ordinance shall be available for inspection by the public in the City Clerk's Office, located at 38300 Sierra Highway Suite C, Palmdale, CA 93550. In addition, a copy of the ordinance shall be available, upon request, to any voter at the expense of the City.

SECTION 4. The proposed Ordinance enacts a general tax as defined in Article XIIC of the California Constitution, and shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a majority of the voters voting on the question at the election.

SECTION 5. The proposed ordinance shall be submitted to the voters for approval in compliance with the election resolutions to be adopted by the City Council, with the addition of the following:

A. The City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure pursuant to Elections Code Section 9280.

B. The City Council hereby authorizes the following members of the legislative body to prepare and submit a ballot argument in favor of the measure pursuant to Elections Code Section 9282: Councilmember Eric Ohlsen.

C. The City Council hereby authorizes rebuttal arguments, for this measure only, to be submitted pursuant to, and consistent with the requirements of, Elections Code Section 9285.

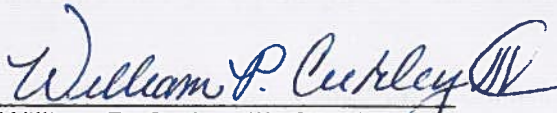
D. In all particulars not recited in this Resolution and the election resolutions to be adopted by the City Council, said election for the ballot measure described in Section 3 shall be held and conducted as provided by general law for holding municipal elections.


SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

Approved as to form:

  
Austin Bishop, Mayor

  
William P. Curley, III, City Attorney


ATTEST:  
  
Rochelle Scott, City Clerk

I, Rochelle Scott, City Clerk of Palmdale, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palmdale at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 10th day of July, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bishop, Loa, Ohlsen, Bettencourt, Alarcón

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Date: July 11, 2024   
Rochelle Scott, City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**[PROPOSED ORDINANCE]**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1644**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE AUTOMATICALLY INCREASING THE TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX IF, WHENEVER, AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW**

**I. Intent of the City Council**

(i.) On November 3, 2020, voters passed Measure M, which enacted Chapter 3.14 of the Palmdale Municipal Code and established an additional sales tax of 0.75% within the City of Palmdale ("City") to fund essential services including street repair, addressing homelessness, emergency response, public safety, maintaining local businesses, protecting water sources, and programs for seniors, veterans, mental health and the community, thereby increasing the total sales tax rate in City from 9.5% to 10.25%; and

(ii.) The City is committed to strong community partnerships, safe neighborhoods and parks, quality services to support residents, and respectful and responsive City employees to make the City a strong, caring and safe community for all residents; and

(iii.) The City has been proactive in its actions to protect residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, to safely reopen businesses and partner with local employers to ensure a strong economic recovery, serving as a model for other cities in Los Angeles County; and

(iv.) The City is committed to maintaining quick 911 emergency response times, youth, veteran and senior services, keeping public spaces safe and clean, addressing homelessness, repairing streets, and maintaining other essential City services; and

**WHEREAS**, like the rest of the State and the country, the City faces serious fiscal challenges due to many factors, including inflation, new public interests and increasing community needs, due in part from the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic with funding for high-priority services threatened as a result; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently expects an alarming decrease in revenues that will severely limit its ability to provide these essential City services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has taken cost-saving measures, including implementing hiring and salary freezes for existing employees, reduced operating budgets, capital outlay and a workforce reduction by the elimination of vacant positions; and

**WHEREAS**, additional locally controlled funding is necessary to protect essential City services and to keep the community strong, healthy and safe into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council proposes to submit to City voters an ordinance to automatically increase the City's Transaction and Use Tax if, whenever, and to the extent permitted by applicable law; and