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Holistically Assessing Impacts of Potential Los Angeles County Sales and Other Tax

Initiatives

The defunding of vital services provided by the state and local jurisdictions by the federal government has wreaked havoc on government coffers. As a result, local governments throughout Los Angeles County (County) are looking for additional revenue streams to fill the gaps. Sales tax initiatives are especially appealing as they give government the flexibility needed to address potential deficits.

The City of Los Angeles, for example, is considering a number of revenue-raising ballot measures, including an initiative to raise sales taxes for city parks, a sales tax to fund their fire department, a potential measure to increase the parking occupancy tax by 50%, and a potential 4% increase in the transient occupancy tax. The County is contemplating a half-cent sales tax to fund healthcare Countywide to compensate for the decimation of funding to our system brought on by H.R. 1.

As the Board of Supervisors (Board) is set to vote on placing another half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot, and as affordability remains a top concern for all Angelenos, an assessment of the initiative process and potential sales and other tax ballot measures should be performed to give voters and elected officials a clearer picture of possible tax measures Countywide and to

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inform the Board of the landscape of competing tax measures potentially to be placed on the June ballot.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to make an oral presentation at the February 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting on the County of Los Angeles ballot initiative process as well as potential tax ballot measures that may appear on the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election and the November 3, 2026, General Election for informational purposes. The presentation should include potential tax measures from the County, as well as local cities, as known at this time.

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