

NOTICE MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON

Notice is hereby given that the following measure is to be voted on at the Primary municipal election to be held in the City of San José on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, 2016.

A BALLOT MEASURE PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE A RETAIL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

Measure B is a ballot measure that, if approved by a majority of the voters, would amend the San Jose Municipal Code to enact a one-quarter percent (0.25%) transactions and use tax. The measure is a "general" tax, which means the City of San Jose may use the tax revenues for any governmental purpose, including improving police response to reduce violent crimes and burglaries; improving 911/emergency medical/fire response times; repairing potholes and streets; expanding gang prevention; and maintaining the City's long-term financial stability. The tax would terminate automatically on September 30, 2031, unless extended by voters.

If approved, Measure B would also require annual financial audits and yearly reports of the tax revenues. Additionally, the City Council would be required to appoint an independent citizen oversight committee that would review expenditures of the tax revenues.

The City shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions of the administration and operation of the transaction and use tax. Except as otherwise provided in the ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code will be adopted and made a part of this ordinance.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collection of the City's transactions and use taxes and shall become effective immediately under the authority of City Charter Section 605(c) and shall become operative only if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure at the June 7, 2016 Special Municipal Election. The Operative Date of this ordinance shall then be October 1, 2016 as provided in Section 4.60.020.

If you would like to read the full text of the initiative, call 408-535-1260 and a copy will be sent at no cost to you or see <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=446>

Toni Taber, City Clerk
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