RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R57

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLACE A BALLOT PROPOSITION ON THE CITY'S NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT, WHICH IS TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 10403

THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds as follows:

A. The City Council called a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing Council Members; and requested consent from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to consolidate such election to be held with the General Election on that same date.

B. The City Council desires to add a ballot proposition to the General Municipal Election to be held on November 3, 2026 ("Election").

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the requirements of Elections Code § 10403, the Los Angeles County ("County") Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors") is requested to consent and agree to the placement of a proposition on the ballot for the consolidated with Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Elections Codes §§ 9222 and 13119, the exact form of the question to be voted on at the Election as it should appear on the ballot is as follows:

Shall the ordinance maintaining City of Monterey Park's services like fire, police, 911 response; keeping public areas safe/clean; helping prevent property crimes/human trafficking in Monterey Park; repairing streets/ potholes; for other city services; by increasing the transient occupancy tax paid only by hotel/motel guests from 13% to 14%, and short-term rental guests, from 13% to 16%, providing approximately $600,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, spending disclosure, local control over all funds, be adopted?	**YES**
	NO

SECTION 4. The complete text of the proposed ballot measure to be submitted to the voters is attached as Exhibit A, Full Text of the Ballot Measure.

SECTION 5. The vote requirement for the proposed ballot measure to pass is a majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast.

SECTION 6. The County election department is authorized to canvass the returns of the Election. The Election will be held in all respects as if there were only one election and only one form of ballot may be used. The Election will be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the Election.

SECTION 7. The Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County election department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the Election and placement of the ballot proposition described in this Resolution on the ballot.

SECTION 8. The City recognizes that additional costs may be incurred by the County by reason of this consolidation and agrees to reimburse the County for any costs.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County election department.

SECTION 10. The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; enter the same in the book of original Resolutions; and make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

SECTION 11. This Resolution may be executed with electronic signatures in accordance with Government Code §16.5. Such electronic signatures will be treated in all respects as having the same effect as an original signature.

SECTION 12. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park, and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

SECTION 13. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ON THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY 2026.

Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KARL H. BERGER, CITY ATTORNEY

Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) §
City of Monterey Park)

I, Maychelle Yee, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026-R57 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a special meeting held on the 1st day of July, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Yang, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

Dated this 1st day of July, 2026.

Maychelle Yee, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California

EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF THE BALLOT MEASURE

ORDINANCE NO. ___

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S GENERAL SERVICES SUCH AS MAINTAINING 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION; INCREASING NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROLS; MAINTAINING PARKS; SUPPORTING YOUTH, AFTERSCHOOL, AND SENIOR PROGRAMS; AND REPAIRING STREETS AND POTHOLES; BY INCREASING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FROM 13% TO 14% FOR HOTEL AND MOTEL GUESTS AND TO 16% FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL GUESTS, PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY $600,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS; AND REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED

The People of the City of Monterey Park do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The definition of "hotel" in Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 3.26.010 is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 3.26.010. Definitions.**

* * *

"Hotel" means any structure, or any portion of any structure, which is occupied, or intended or designed for occupancy, by transients for dwelling, lodging or sleeping purposes, and shall include any hotel, inn, tourist home or house, motel, studio hotel, bachelor hotel, lodginghouse, roominghouse, apartment house, dormitory, public or private club, mobile home or house trailer at a fixed location, or other similar structure, or portion thereof, but does not include a "short-term rental," as defined in section 21.09.020. The registration, collection, reporting, remittance, penalty, refund, recordkeeping, and enforcement provisions applicable to a hotel under this chapter apply equally to a short-term rental and its operator.

* * *"

SECTION 2. MPMC § 3.26.020 is amended to read as follows:

"**§ 3.26.020. Tax imposed.**

For the privilege of occupancy in any hotel, each transient must pay

a tax in the amount of ~~thirteen~~fourteen percent of the rent charged by the operator. For the privilege of occupancy in any short-term rental, each transient must pay a tax in the amount of sixteen percent of the rent charged by the operator**.** Such tax is a debt owed by the transient to the city, which debt may be extinguished only by payment to the operator or to the city. The transient must pay the tax to the operator of the hotel or short-term rental at the time the rent is paid. If the rent is paid in installments, a proportionate share of the tax must be paid with each installment. The unpaid tax is due upon the transient's ceasing to occupy space in the hotel or short-term rental. If for any reason the tax is not paid to the operator of the hotel or short-term rental, the license officer may require that such tax be paid directly to the license officer."

SECTION 3: *Environmental Analysis.* This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 2100, *et seq.,* "CEQA") and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, *et* seq.) because it establishes rules and procedures to implement government funding mechanisms; does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, this Ordinance does not constitute a "project" that requires environmental review *(see specifically* 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5).)

SECTION 4: *Interpretation.* This Ordinance must be interpreted so as to be consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations. If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision does not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The voters declare that this Ordinance, and each section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, part, or portion thereof, would have been adopted or passed irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, phrases, part, or portion is found to be invalid. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid as applied to any person or circumstance, such invalidity does not affect any application of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application.

SECTION 5: *Severability.* If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected thereby. We the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of

this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to allow imposition of the tax.

SECTION 6: *Construction.* This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the voters that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 7: *Validity of Previous Code Sections.* If this entire Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, any repeal of the MPMC or other regulation by this Ordinance will be rendered void and cause such MPMC provision or other regulation to remain in full force and effect for all purposes

SECTION 8: *Voter Approval.* This Ordinance will enact and impose a general tax. Accordingly, it will be submitted to a general election on November 3, 2026, for voter approval. If **A MAJORITY** of voters vote in favor of this Ordinance, it will become valid and binding on the date that the City Council certifies the election results. Should the provisions of Government Code §§ 53720, *et seq.* or California Constitution Article XIIIC be repealed or amended or interpreted by the courts so that voter approval is not required for enacting this Ordinance, then this Ordinance will take effect as provided for all other City ordinances and may be amended in the same manner as all other City ordinances.

SECTION 9: *City Council Authority.* Pursuant to Elections Code § 9217, the People authorize and direct the City Council to promptly take appropriate actions needed to implement this Ordinance including, without limitation, adopting all regulations needed to effectuate this Ordinance by ordinance.

SECTION 10: *Reconciliation with Competing Ordinance.* In the event another ballot measure (a "Competing Ordinance") appears on the same ballot as this Ordinance that seeks to adopt, impose, or amend any limitations or restrictions, or other regulations or requirements, including, without limitation, those with respect to the actions authorized by this Ordinance, that differ in any respect to or supplement, those contained in this Ordinance, the People declare their intention that, if both the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance receive a majority of votes cast, the Competing Ordinance and this Ordinance be fully adopted except to the extent that specific provisions contained in each measure are deemed to be in direct conflict with each other on a "provision by provision" basis pursuant to *Yoshisato v. Superior Court* (1992) 2 Cal. 4th 978. With respect to any such directly conflicting provisions, the specific provisions of the Ordinance receiving the greater number of votes will prevail.

SECTION 11: *Miscellaneous.*

A. If any portion of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, we the People indicate our strong desire that: (i) the City Council use its best efforts to sustain and reenact that portion, and (ii) the City Council implement this Ordinance by taking all steps possible to cure any inadequacies or deficiencies identified by the court in a manner consistent with the express and implied intent of this Ordinance, and then adopting or reenacting such portion as necessary or desirable to permit the planning and development of the Project.

B. This Ordinance must be broadly construed in order to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the intent of the People that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the City and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION 12: The Mayor will sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk will attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance if a majority of the voters voting in the City's general election on November 3, 2026, approve it.

SECTION 13: Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code § 7265, this Ordinance will become operative on the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of December, 2026.

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Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KARL H. BERGER, CITY ATTORNEY

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney