City Council Staff Report

Date: July 1, 2026
Agenda Item Number: 12.C.

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Martha Garcia, Director of Finance

Subject: Ballot Proposition to amend the existing Monterey Park Transient Occupancy Tax

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the City Council consider:

1. Adopting, by at least four affirmative votes, a Resolution placing a proposition on the November 3, 2026, ballot, which, if adopted by a majority of voters, would amend the City's existing Transient Occupancy Tax;
2. Determining whether to designate person(s) for filing an argument favoring the ballot proposition;
3. Adopting a Resolution requesting that the City Attorney prepare an impartial analysis for the ballot proposition;
4. Adopting a Resolution establishing requirements for ballot arguments for City measures;
5. Adopting a Resolution supporting the ballot measure; and
6. Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):
These actions are 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 they establish rules and procedures related to government funding mechanisms and election administration; do not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitute organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, the proposition proposed and related actions do not constitute a "project" that requires environmental review (see specifically, 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5)).

Executive Summary:
This report reviews a proposition that the City Council may place on the November 3, 2026, general municipal election ballot. The City Council may choose to place the proposition onto the ballot or take no action. If the City Council places the tax proposition onto the ballot, voters

may adopt such proposition with a simple majority. If voter-approved, the proposition would be a general tax and revenue generated the tax may be used for any general municipal purpose. This proposition would not impose a new tax; rather, it would amend existing taxes, i.e., those already imposed. Four affirmative votes are needed to place this proposition onto the ballot.

Background:
A transient occupancy tax (TOT), sometimes called a “hotel tax,” is a charge added to the bill when visitors stay in hotels, motels, or short-term rentals for 30 days or less. The tax is collected by the lodging business from visitors (not local residents) and then remitted to the City to support general municipal services. The City’s TOT rate is currently set at 13%. It is estimated to generate $4.5 million in fiscal year 2026-2027.

The City proposes an increase to its TOT to generate additional revenue for city services. The proposal would:

- Increase the standard TOT rate from 13% to 14%, generating an additional estimated $400,000 annually.
- Increase the TOT rate for short-term rentals (STRs) from 13% to 16%, generating an additional $200,000 annually.

The total estimated additional annual revenue is $600,000. The measure would increase City revenues and provide a more predictable funding source for municipal services and priorities.

The proposition would amend the City’s existing TOT general tax, meaning that revenue derived from the tax can be used for any municipal purpose. With certain exceptions, a general tax can only be considered during a general municipal election. As a general tax, four Council Members' votes are needed to pass the resolution and place the measure on the ballot. If approved by a simple majority of voters, the proposition would take effect in accordance with its terms. The City held five community engagement workshops: at the Women's Club Meeting on June 10, at the Bruggemeyer Library on June 15, at the Langley Center on June 17 and 23, and virtually on June 29.

The City Council may place a measure on the ballot up to 88 days before the election (Elections Code § 9222). Pursuant to Elections Code § 9280, the City Council may direct the City Clerk to transmit the measure to the City Attorney, who must prepare an impartial analysis of the measure for inclusion in the voter materials. By majority vote, the City Council may authorize one or more of its members to file a written argument regarding the measure and to adopt provisions to provide for the filing of rebuttal arguments.

The following persons or entities may submit an argument, not exceeding 300 words, for or against the measure:

1. The City Council;
2. Council members authorized by the City Council;
3. An individual voter eligible to vote on the measure (i.e., a registered voter in the city);
4. A bona fide citizens' association; or
5. Any combination of voters and associations.

Each argument must include the printed name(s) and signature(s) of each author. If an organization submits an argument, it must include the organization's name and the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer who is an author of the argument. No more than five signatures may appear with an argument. If more than five authors sign an argument, only the first five signatures will be printed with the voter materials.

Because the election will be consolidated with the November 3, 2026, general election, the City Clerk will establish deadlines for submitting direct and rebuttal arguments consistent with California law and the election calendar established by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

The voter information guide will include one argument in favor of the measure and one argument against the measure. If more than one argument is submitted, the City Clerk must select one for printing. The City Clerk must give preference and priority to arguments in the following order:

1. The City Council, or Council Members authorized by the City Council.
2. The individual voter, bona fide association of citizens, or combination of voters and associations that are the bona fide sponsors or proponents of the measure.
3. A bona fide association of citizens.
4. Individual voters eligible to vote on the measure.

If the City Council adopts the provisions in Elections Code § 9285(a) by majority vote before the election, rebuttal arguments may be included on the sample ballot. If the Council adopts provisions of that section, the following rules apply:

- The City Clerk must send copies of the argument supporting the measure to opponents of the measure and must send copies of the argument against the measure to measure proponents. Each side is then entitled to submit a rebuttal argument, not exceeding 250 words.
- Rebuttal arguments must be submitted within 10 days after the deadline for filing direct arguments. Each rebuttal argument must be printed immediately following the direct argument it seeks to rebut.

<u>Proposed Timeline and Los Angeles County Election Deadlines</u>
If the City Council places the proposition on the November 3, 2026, ballot, the following timeline would apply:

7/1	Approve adding measure to the November 3, 2026, ballot
7/2	Last day to public/post Notice of Deadline for Filing Arguments
7/16	Last day to file Arguments and City Attorney's Impartial Analyses

7/26	Last day to file rebuttal arguments
8/5	10-calendar-day public examination period
8/7	Last day to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors and County elections officials requesting consolidation for a ballot measure
8/12	Last day to file a resolution with the County elections official and the Board of Supervisors to amend/withdraw a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot
11/3	Election Day

Strategic Plan Goal:
N/A

Fiscal Impact:
If voters approve the proposed measure, the City would increase overall annual general tax revenues by approximately $600,000.

Attachments:
1. Draft Resolution placing transient occupancy tax proposition on the November 3, 2026, ballot with proposed Ordinance
2. Draft Resolution requesting an impartial analysis for transient occupancy tax
3. Draft Resolution establishing regulations for ballot arguments
4. Draft Resolution supporting measure

ATTACHMENT 1

Draft Resolution Placing Transient Occupancy Tax Proposition on the November 3, 2026, Ballot with Proposed Ordinance

RESOLUTION NO.

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 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, 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.

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Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

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.

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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 12: 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:

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 2

Draft Resolution Requesting an Impartial Analysis for Transient Occupancy Tax

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO FUND GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The City Council of the city of Monterey Park resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Elections Code § 9280, the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of the ballot proposition amending a transient occupancy tax to fund General Municipal Services to the City Attorney for an impartial analysis.

SECTION 2. Upon receiving the ballot measure, the City Attorney is directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the proposed ballot measure showing its effect, if any, on existing law and the operation of the measure. Such analysis must not be more than 500 words.

SECTION 3. The impartial analysis must include a statement indicating whether the proposed measure was placed on the ballot by a petition signed by the requisite number of voters or by the governing body of the City.

SECTION 4. In the event the entire text of the measure is not printed on the ballot, nor in the voter information portion of the sample ballot, there must be printed immediately below the impartial analysis, in not less than 10 point bold type, the City Clerk should have the following language printed: “The above statement is an impartial analysis of the proposed ballot measure (Resolution No. XXX). If you desire a copy of the legislation affected by this measure, please call the City Clerk’s office at (626) 307-1359, and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.”

SECTION 5. The impartial analysis of the proposed ballot measure must be filed by the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of primary arguments.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to any applicable law, including 52 U.S.C.A. § 10503, the City Clerk will coordinate with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk regarding any translation and publication of the City Attorney’s impartial analysis required as part of the consolidated election.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk will certify 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 8: **Electronic Signatures**. 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 9: **Recordation**. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 10: **Effective Date**. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2026.

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Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 3
Draft Resolution Establishing Regulations for Ballot Arguments

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOT ARGUMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK TO BE INCLUDED WITH VOTER INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The City Council of the city of Monterey Park resolves as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to Elections Code § 9281, qualified voters may submit arguments for and against the ballot measures, in addition to rebuttal arguments, for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election on forms provided by the City Clerk.

SECTION 2: Arguments filed in accordance with this Resolution must comply with the following requirements in accordance with Elections Code §§ 9282, 9283, 9285, and 9286:

A. Arguments must be in writing and not exceed three hundred (300) words, except for rebuttal argument which may not exceed two hundred and fifty (250) words;

B. Arguments may be submitted by the City Council; any councilmember authorized to submit an argument by the City Council; any individual voter eligible to vote on the measures; any bona fide association of citizens; or any combination of voters and associations;

C. Arguments must be typewritten in at least a 12-point font;

D. Arguments may not include underlining, italics, asterisks, or other, similar, type of formatting;

E. Arguments must be accompanied by the printed name and signature or printed names and signatures of the author or authors submitting the argument, or, if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument.

F. If more than five (5) signatures accompany an argument, only the first five (5) will be printed.

G. Arguments for or against the ballot measure must be received in the City Clerk's office by the deadlines established by the City Clerk in accordance with applicable law and the election calendar for the consolidated election. Rebuttal arguments must be received by the deadline established by the City Clerk in accordance with Elections Code § 9285.

SECTION 3: **Electronic Signatures**. 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 4: **Recordation**. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 5: **Effective Date**. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July, 2026.

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Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

ATTACHMENT 4
Draft Resolution Supporting the Measure

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING BALLOT PROPOSITION NEEDED TO MAINTAIN MONTEREY PARK'S LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY AND LOCALLY CONTROLLED GENERAL SERVICES BY INCREASING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FROM 13% TO 14% FOR HOTELS AND MOTELS AND FROM 13% 16% FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS, RAISING APPROXIMATELY $600,000 ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL FUND UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS.

The City Council of the city of Monterey Park resolves as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council finds and declares as follows:

A. The City conducted four virtual and in-person budget engagement workshops to provide information to the community regarding the importance of ensuring steady revenue to fund general municipal services including, without limitation; modernizing infrastructure and facilities, enhancing housing needs, streets repair and maintenance; and prompt public safety responses;

B. These community workshops provided an overview of the City's budget process and described how funding is allocated or appropriated to various City services, including general services;

C. Community members provided input about various priorities and expectations for upcoming years;

D. Community surveys were conducted to hear and understand what the community's priorities are for the City;

E. Participation at the meetings and workshops reached approximately 140 attendees;

F. The City of Monterey Park is a full-service City with its own Fire and Police Departments, which guarantees public safety resources are available when needed for Monterey Park residents and not diverted to other cities;

G. City maintenance of clean and safe neighborhoods and parks, supporting youth, afterschool, and senior programs, and well-maintained roads all lead to better quality of life.

H. The City Council is taking every proactive effort to maintain the level of service our community has come to expect, including reducing full and part-time positions, implementing a pension bond and utilizing available grant funding; and

I. All funds from the local revenue measure are required to stay in Monterey Park to maintain local services and cannot be taken by State of California or Los Angeles County. In addition to the City's existing annual independent audits, the measure provides for spending disclosure and Monterey Park's control of funds.

J. The City Council finds that short-term rentals are a distinct form of transient lodging that operate within residential neighborhoods and present land use and neighborhood compatibility considerations different from traditional hotels and motels. Consistent with the City's existing regulatory framework, the proposed measure establishes a separate transient occupancy tax rate for short-term rentals.

SECTION 2: The City Council for Monterey Park endorses Measure XX.

SECTION 3: **Electronic Signatures**. 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 4: **Recordation**. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 5: **Effective Date**. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2026.

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Henry Lo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maychelle Yee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney