

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

The City Attorney has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS (SALES) AND USE TAX

The current effective sales and use tax in the City of West Covina is 9.5%. Of this, 1% goes to the City and the remainder funds state and county expenses.

State law authorizes the City of West Covina to adopt a transactions (sales) and use tax to fund municipal expenses. Such a tax is administered by the state, and generally would be collected along with the existing sales and use taxes. The ordinance imposing such a tax must be approved by the City Council and by the voters in order to be effective.

This initiative ordinance, self-titled the "City of West Covina Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance" would establish a three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) transactions (sales) and use tax in the City, proceeds of which would be deposited in the City's general fund and available for lawful municipal purposes. The initiative ordinance would also replace the City's existing Finance & Audit Committee with a new nine-member Oversight Committee composed of six members of the public (two of whom must be employees of the City's police and fire departments) and three elected officials of the City.

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