

**AGENDA
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CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 15, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Benjamin Martinez, City Manager *Bm*

PREPARED BY: Benjamin Martinez, City Manager

SUBJECT: Creation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee to Discuss Potential Sales Tax Ballot Measure Related to Public Safety in the City of Calexico.

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Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the City Council appoint two City Council Members to form an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a potential sales tax ballot measure related to public safety in the City of Calexico.

Background:

The City of Calexico continues to experience increased demand for public safety services, including fire, emergency medical services (EMS), and law enforcement, driven in part by regional growth and cross-border activity. The City Council has expressed interest in pursuing the possibility of placing a potential sales tax ballot measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to enhance public safety services in Calexico.

The purpose of this item is to ask the City Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee to meet for a limited period to discuss this matter in more detail and bring back recommendations to the full Council. As part of their discussions, the Ad Hoc Committee can review and consider information and input from City staff, the Firefighter and Police Officer Associations and other community stakeholders that have expressed interest in discussing the merits of this proposal with the Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion and Analysis:

The deadline to place a sales tax ballot measure on the November Ballot for 2026 is July 3, 2026. To consider this potential action, the City Council is asked to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of two (2) Members of the City Council. After these meetings are concluded for a limited period, the Ad Hoc Committee will report their findings back to the City Council with recommendations. The full City Council can then consider whether to place a sales tax measure on the November ballot by the legal deadline.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact will result from this action.

Alternatives:

Provide alternative directions to staff.

Coordinated With:

City Manager
City Attorney
Fire and Police Chiefs

Attachment(s):

None.