

**KEEP LA PUENTE SALES TAX REVENUES LOCAL MEASURE
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS**

If approved by a simple majority of votes cast at a June 2, 2026 Special Election of the City of La Puente, the Keep La Puente Sales Tax Revenues Local Measure authorizes the increase of La Puente's existing ½% (or ½¢) transactions and use tax rate to a full 1% (or 1¢).

The tax adds to the Statewide sales tax on sales of tangible goods in La Puente and is collected at the same time and in much the same way as the standard sales tax. At the increased rate of 1%, the tax will add 1¢ for every dollar spent on a purchase. The tax applies to most over-the-counter sales of tangible goods and restaurant sales. For purchases of big-ticket items (e.g., appliances and furniture), the tax applies only if the seller delivers the item to a La Puente address from a point of sale located within or outside of La Puente. For automobile purchases, the tax applies only to vehicles registered at La Puente addresses.

Although the measure allows the tax rate to be increased to 1%, it also allows for the rate to be maintained at ½% or set at only ¾% on an interim basis but never above the voter-approved 1% maximum rate. This gives the City Council the ability to adjust the rate from time to time to mitigate the overall cost of purchases when deemed necessary by the City Council.

The tax is a "general tax" whose funds may be used for any public purpose, including but not limited to, public safety, infrastructure maintenance and recreational programming.

The tax does not apply to purchases of prescription drugs or to most basic grocery store food items like milk, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, cereals, coffee, sugar, baby food, bread and other bakery products, nuts, condiments, candy, juices, bottled water and the like.

Nonresidents share in paying the tax for most over-the-counter retail purchases they make in La Puente.

Unlike the Statewide sales tax whose proceeds are shared among various public agencies, revenue from La Puente's existing ½% transactions and use tax goes exclusively to La Puente. Tax revenues from the ½% increase established under the Measure would also go to La Puente exclusively. Subject to voter approval, La Puente may implement a ½% increase to its existing tax because of the 2024 repeal of a County of Los Angeles transactions and use tax that opened an additional ½% to La Puente. Approval of the Measure means the ½% surrendered by the County can be retained by La Puente and cannot be seized by another taxing agency, including the County.

The measure was placed on the ballot by La Puente's governing body.

/s/ Susie Altamirano, City Attorney

The above statement is an impartial analysis of the measure. To receive a copy of the measure, please contact the City Clerk's office at (626) 855-1500 or at cityclerk@lapuente.org and a free copy will be sent to you. A copy of the measure is also available online at www.lapuente.org.