

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BALLOT MEASURE
FROM THE MENDOTA CITY ATTORNEY

On July 26, 2022, the City Council of the City of Mendota (the “City”) unanimously adopted Resolution 22-46 to submit Measure __ to the voters at a special municipal election consolidated with the statewide general election to be held in the City on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022. Measure __ seeks voter approval for the adoption of an ordinance imposing a new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax at a rate of one and one-quarter cent per dollar (1.25%).

The Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would be a “general tax,” meaning revenues it raises would go into the City’s general fund and would be used for any lawful public purpose, including, but not limited to, providing essential City services and improving parks and roads. If approved, Measure __ would impose a local tax that would add one and one-quarter cent (1.25%) to the cost of a \$1.00 item purchased in the City beginning on April 1, 2023. The City estimates that the Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would generate approximately \$439,498 in additional revenue annually, but the actual amounts raised will vary depending on retail sales occurring in the City each year.

The Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would be paid in addition to current sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. By law, all revenues raised by Measure __ would belong to the City and could not be taken by, or shared with, the State or any other agency. This proposed tax increase contains no sunset date, and would continue indefinitely until repealed by the voters in a subsequent election.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of the new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax at a rate of one and one-quarter cent per dollar (1.25%).

A “no” vote is a vote against the new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax.

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The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure __. If you desire a copy of the measure and ordinance it imposes, please call the City Elections Official’s Office at (559) 655-3291 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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