CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF BALLOT MEASURE B RELATING TO INCREASING THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On May 23, 2017, the City Council of the City of Mendota (the “City”) adopted Resolution 17-34 submitting a ballot measure (“Measure B”) to the voters at a special all mail ballot municipal election to be held on August 29, 2017. Measure B provides for the adoption of an ordinance increasing the City’s current sales and use tax rate by one percent. The current sales and use tax rate is .980%. If the Measure is approved by the voters, the total sales and use tax rate in the City will increase to 1.980%. This would increase the total sales tax rate paid in the City of Mendota to 8.975%. The proposed increased sales and use tax rate will commence on January 1, 2018, and continue in perpetuity.

The sales and use tax proposed under Measure B is a special tax as opposed to a general tax. As such, it will be strictly used to fund local law enforcement activities. Proceeds of the sales and use tax will be deposited in a special account, created and maintained by the City, and used for the specific purposes identified in the Ordinance.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of authorizing the increase of the sales and use tax by one percent. A “no” vote is a vote against authorizing the increased sales and use tax.
The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the City Elections Official's Office at (559) 655-3291 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.