

The Arcadia Hot Sheet

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Highlighting News and Events from Around Town

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Arcadia Opposes County Sales Tax Measure on June Ballot



At its March 17 meeting, the Arcadia City Council unanimously voted to oppose a general sales tax measure that will appear on the June 2 ballot for Los Angeles County voters.

The measure, known as the Essential Services Restoration Act, would increase the countywide sales tax rate by 0.5% for five years. If approved by voters, Arcadia's total sales tax rate would increase from 10.5% to 11%, until October 2031.

On February 10, 2026, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to place the measure on the ballot. The proposal is intended to offset federal funding reductions resulting from H.R. 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act", and should generate more than \$1 billion annually.

Although federal cuts to the county's public health system are significant, as a general sales tax, the measure only requires a simple majority to pass. The tax proceeds are also unrestricted and can be used by LA County for any purpose.

Most of the funding for the sales tax measure is proposed to go towards supporting the county's 4 public hospitals, 23 clinics, and providing care at no-cost or a reduced-cost for low-income or uninsured residents.

In 2019, Arcadia residents passed Measure A, a ¾-cent sales tax needed to support essential city services. With this approval, Arcadia voters opted to keep their dollars local and raise the overall sales tax rate to the 2% cap. If passed, this new measure will increase local taxes over the 2% statutory limit, surpassing the maximum rate Arcadians set back in 2019.

Additional concerns with the proposed measure include placing the responsibility for replacing lost federal funding onto local taxpayers. If passed, Arcadia is expected to contribute approximately \$6.5 million annually, all without a clear benefit or direct return to the community.

Further challenges include the cumulative impact of recent sales tax increases. Following the approval of Los Angeles County's Measure A (Homeless Services and Housing) in 2024, Arcadia's sales tax permanently increased by a net of 0.25%, from 10.25% to 10.5%,

Arcadia residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed sales tax measure during the upcoming June election. Verify your voter information or register to vote by visiting <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

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