



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Council Consideration Of Whether To Form An Ad Hoc Committee Of The City Council To Prepare Direct Argument And Rebuttal Argument In Favor Of A Sales Tax Measure To Be Placed On The March 3, 2020 Ballot

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council consider whether to form an ad hoc committee of the Council to prepare direct argument and rebuttal argument in favor of a sales tax measure to be placed on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

BACKGROUND

At the City Council's October 29, 2019 special meeting, Council Member Bauters requested and received majority support for an item to be brought forward to consider the formation of an ad hoc committee for the purpose of authoring an argument in favor of the proposed sales and use tax measure for the March 3, 2020 ballot.

DISCUSSION

The City Council is currently considering placing a measure on the ballot for the March 3, 2020 election to enact a quarter-cent local sales tax measure. The City is on a compressed timeline to approve and submit legislation to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters by the December 6, 2019 deadline. If the Council chooses to form an ad-hoc committee to draft a direct argument and rebuttal in favor of the measure, that formation should occur at the November 5th meeting to allow time for subsequent Council approval of the direct argument at no later than its December 3, 2019 meeting.

The Council's Rules of Procedure allow, under Section 8. Boards, Commissions and Committees, the creation of ad hoc committees. An ad hoc committee, as defined in §54952 of the Brown Act, is a temporary advisory committee composed solely of less than a quorum of the legislative body, which for this Council is two members, that serves a limited or single purpose, that is not perpetual, and that will be dissolved once its specific task is completed. Such committees are not legislative bodies and therefore are not subject to the Brown Act. Any recommendations made by the ad hoc committee would need to be brought forward to the entire Council for action.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

PREPARED BY: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENT

- None