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Date: February 16, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, First District *lg*
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Second District *sl*
Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District *rr*

Subject: Measures for June 2016 Ballot

Recommendation:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing a temporary Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax for general purposes at the rate of 1% for six years then declining to .5% for four years on the sale and/or use of all tangible personal property sold at retail in the City, to be placed on the ballot at the June 7, 2016 municipal election, and any and all documents related thereto. The tax will sunset after 10 years.

Also request the City Attorney to prepare a "rainy day" fund ballot measure so that the first 1% of any new revenue source created is placed into a special fund to be used to offset the impact of future recessions.

Finally, request the City Attorney to prepare an advisory resolution to accompany the Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax to specify the council's intention to prioritize infrastructure repairs and restoration of public safety resources when allocating those funds.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Long Beach is facing two large challenges: unfunded infrastructure and public safety needs.

A recent report from the City Manager shows that Long Beach has \$2.8 billion in unfunded infrastructure needs. While the City spends more than \$65 million a year on capital infrastructure, many of our local streets, sidewalks and alleys are in need of repair. The City also needs to upgrade its water systems for conservation and storm drain systems for neighborhood protection and water quality. The cost to repair and upgrade our public infrastructure increases every year we defer these investments.

The City also needs to hire additional police officers to combat increasing crime rates that are climbing across the state, and to restore its fire staffing to maintain 911 paramedic response times at stations across the city. Maintaining and growing the City's emergency medical and public safety capabilities is critical as our first responders face new safety challenges.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff time necessary to prepare the items.



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: February 12, 2016

To: Maria de la Luz Garcia, City Clerk

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
 Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, First District *lg*
 Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Second District *sl*
 Councilmember Rex Richardson, Ninth District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of February 16, 2016

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
1	Lena Gonzalez	<i>lg</i>
9	Rex Richardson	<i>RR</i>
8	Al Austin	<i>al</i>

Attachment: Staff Report dated February 16, 2016