

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD
ADOPTING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE GREENFIELD
CONTINUATION OF ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES FUNDING MEASURE, AN
EXTENSION OF THE TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OF ONE PERCENT**

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on July 28, 2015 to consider calling a municipal election to seek voter approval of a proposed general transactions and use tax (or "sales tax"), as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of that hearing, the City Council concluded that all of the information presented indicated that an emergency existed in the City, and that the Council should call an election to ask the voters of the City to approve an extension of the local transactions and use tax, the revenue from which could be used to support general municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the existing Transaction and Use Tax is, and would continue to be, imposed on retail transactions and use of personal property. The tax rate is and would continue to be One Percent (1.0 %) of the sales price of the property. The tax revenue is and would continue to be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the City. The continuation of the existing tax shall be approved if the measure receives at least a majority of affirmative votes.

WHEREAS, the City Council unanimously agreed to sponsor written arguments in favor of the measure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to adopt such written arguments by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenfield that the Council submits the following written arguments in favor of the Greenfield Continuation of Essential City Services Funding Measure, to be considered by the voters on November 3, 2015.

The continuation of the existing tax will provide the City with minimum funding for law enforcement by supplying a sustainable source of significant revenue. If the existing tax is allowed to expire in 2017, the City Council will be forced to lay off eleven Police Officers, who are currently funded by this tax, or by COPS grants that supply temporary funding:

- Nine Police Officer positions in the amount of \$1,021,400.
- Two Police School Resource Officer positions in the amount of \$263,175.

Passing this continuation of the current one-cent sales tax will continue to generate approximately \$1,200,000 per year, all of which is currently dedicated to public safety. While the Police Department remains understaffed, it persists in making strides towards improving safety for the community.

Revenues from this tax will stay in Greenfield and will be subject to the review of a resident Oversight Committee.

We stand unanimously in support of your Yes vote on November 3rd.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of July 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John P. Huerta, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann F. Rathbun, City Clerk