

MOTION

For too long, everyday Angelenos have carried the burden of rising costs, deteriorating infrastructure, and an unaffordable housing crisis while some large non-profit country clubs benefit from preferential treatment that allows them to pay significantly less in taxes than the true value and exclusivity of these private lands. Equity and fairness demand that everyone contribute their fair share so that the investment can be made in public services and opportunities all Angelenos rely on. The City of Los Angeles faces an ongoing housing affordability and homelessness crisis, aging and underfunded infrastructure systems, and an urgent need to support economic development and job creation. Addressing these challenges will require stable, equitable, and locally controlled funding sources capable of supporting long-term, sustainable solutions.

At the same time, certain large privately operated recreational land uses, such as membership-based clubs and similar facilities, occupy substantial acreage within the City while providing limited general public access. These land uses present unique land use considerations in a dense urban environment, including issues of land utilization, equity, and fair contribution toward citywide priorities.

Given these factors, the City should explore the feasibility of a land use based parcel tax, structured in a manner that is neutral as to ownership and compliant with state law. Such a framework could provide a meaningful and ongoing revenue stream to support critical investments, including affordable housing production and preservation, homelessness response, infrastructure improvements, economic development initiatives, including support for the film and entertainment industry, and programs that expand pathways to homeownership for Angelenos.

Preliminary analysis suggests that a parcel tax of approximately \$4 per square foot annually applied to qualifying properties could generate millions per year, subject to further analysis and parcel-level verification.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the CAO and CLA, to prepare and present the necessary Resolution and Ordinance for a proposed ballot measure for the November 3, 2026 General Election, imposing a \$4 per square foot annual parcel tax on non-profit private country/golf clubs (social clubs) on or before June 17, for Council adoption no later than June 26, 2026, and advise on ballot requirements, and all legal steps necessary to place the measure before voters.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, in coordination with the CLA and City Attorney, develop potential dedicated expenditures for tax proceeds, including the following three categories of expenditures:

- Capital improvements, including but not limited to curb cuts, potholes, sidewalk repairs, repaving of damaged alleys and streets, and other critical infrastructure needs under the Bureau of Street Services; and
- Economic development initiatives to support and retain the film and television industry in Los Angeles, including exploration of a local film and television tax credit, permit fee relief, and other tools to sustain production activity; and
- Programs that expand pathways to first-time homeownership for Angelenos, including grants or other financial assistance for down payments and related costs.

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