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May 21, 2026

Honorable Members of the
Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW CITY OF LOS ANGELES INITIATIVE MEASURE FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT

Honorable Members:

The City Council previously acted to place the following citizen-sponsored Initiative on the November 3, 2026 ballot:

- Initiative Ordinance regarding Repeal Of Los Angeles City Business Taxes On All Businesses Except Cannabis Businesses (Council File 26-1100-S7)

The proponents of the Initiative filed a request on May 21, 2026 to withdraw the Initiative from the ballot. The proponents have stated that their withdrawal is contingent on the final adoption of the ordinance relative to revising the wage and health benefit provisions for airport employees and hotel workers in the City of Los Angeles (Council File 25-0466).

In accordance with the Los Angeles City Charter and the Los Angeles City Election Code Section 711(d), the withdrawal of a ballot Initiative requires both the approval of the proponents and of the City Council, and must occur not later than 88 days before the election, which is Friday August 7, 2026. Attached to this transmittal is the Resolution withdrawing this Initiative from the November 3, 2026 ballot.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution withdrawing the citizen-sponsored initiative from the November 3, 2026 ballot regarding the following subject: Repeal Of Los Angeles City Business Taxes On All Businesses Except Cannabis Businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

For the November 3, 2026 General Election, there is approximately \$11 million in the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 budget for both the County of Los Angeles and the City

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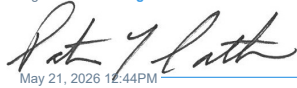
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of Los Angeles election-related costs. If this Initiative Ordinance is withdrawn from the November 3, 2026 ballot, there will be a negligible reduction of election expenses.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (213) 978-1020.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed with ClerkSign



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Patrice Y. Lattimore
City Clerk

Attachment

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EXE-029-26

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE WITHDRAWAL OF AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE FROM THE
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 BALLOT**

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the City Clerk presented the City Council with a certified initiative petition in support of an ordinance regarding the following subject: repeal of the City of Los Angeles Gross Receipts Tax on all non-cannabis businesses;

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2026, the City Council responded to the initiative petition by adopting a resolution and ordinance pursuant to City Charter Section 452 to place the initiative ordinance on the November 3, 2026 ballot;

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the proponents of the initiative petition filed a request with the City Clerk to withdraw the initiative ordinance from the ballot, consistent with the withdrawal procedures of the City Charter and City Election Code; and

WHEREAS, withdrawal of the initiative ordinance from the ballot requires the approval of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the proponents' request to withdraw the initiative ordinance described above from the November 3, 2026 ballot.

Sec. 2. The City Attorney is requested to prepare an ordinance repealing the ordinance adopted on May 13, 2026 calling an election on the initiative.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take all other actions necessary to withdraw the initiative ordinance from the November 3, 2026 ballot.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____.

PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE, City Clerk

Signed with ClerkSign

By _____
May 21, 2026 12:35PM 
Deputy