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PADILLA, GARCETTI APPLAUD SUPERVISORS' APPROVAL OF ½ CENT PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX MEASURE *Countywide measure to be on November ballot*

LOS ANGELES – Council President Alex Padilla and Council Assistant President Pro Tempore Eric Garcetti today applauded the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' decision to place a ½ cent public safety sales tax ballot measure on the November ballot. This tax revenue would be earmarked for additional law enforcement and public safety personnel, along with funding for gang intervention programs throughout Los Angeles.

“Now that the Board of Supervisors have made the right decision, it is now in the hands of the voters of Los Angeles County,” said Council President Padilla, a strong supporter of the ½ cent sales tax measure. “During the next few months, we will have a vigorous discussion of the issues of crime, public safety, and our ability to maintain safe neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles. I also want to applaud the elected officials and law enforcement officers from cities throughout Los Angeles County who turned out in force to let the Supervisors know just how important this ballot measure is to small cities, large cities, and unincorporated areas. The need for public safety knows no boundaries, and I will continue to work with my Countywide colleagues to move this matter forward.”

“The Supervisors made the right choice today by placing this crucial issue before the voters,” said Council President Pro Tempore Garcetti. “The health of our County, our City, and our neighborhoods depends on law enforcement and the programs that support it, such as gang intervention and youth programs. We’ve seen the kinds of transformations that can take place – restoring confidence in public safety restores confidence in entire local economies, such as in New York in the 1990s. I look forward to engaging in this discussion with my constituents and all of Los Angeles.”

The City Council, which had allowed for a backup plan for a Citywide tax in case the County measure was not placed on the ballot, has already endorsed the Countywide measure. To avoid duplicative efforts, there will not be a Citywide measure on the November ballot.

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