



# MEASURE SEM

# THE SOUTH EL MONTE LOCALLY-CONTROLLED SERVICES MEASURE

## FACTS ABOUT SALES TAXES & MEASURE SEM

### WHERE DO SALES TAXES GO?

The sales tax people pay when they shop in South El Monte is comprised of twelve different smaller taxes. Most of these taxes go to the State of California, Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The state, the county and the MTA use these taxes to fund their own priorities.

One of the twelve sales tax increments is LA County's ¼ cent Measure H tax, approved by voters in 2016. This Measure H tax will be ending in 2027 and could end even sooner.

### HOW MEASURE SEM AFFECTS LOCAL SALES TAXES

The South El Monte City Council placed Measure SEM on the November 5<sup>th</sup> statewide ballot by a unanimous vote. If South El Monte voters adopt Measure SEM, a ¼ cent sales tax funding local services in South El Monte would begin when the Measure H ¼ cent sales tax ends. If Measure SEM is not approved, then Los Angeles County would have room under state law to seek voter approval to collect a ¼ cent sales tax generated in South El Monte to fund programs outside the City of South El Monte.

By increasing local control over sales taxes paid in South El Monte, Measure SEM would increase the resources available to fund local services.

### MEASURE SEM FUNDS CAN ONLY BE SPENT ON SOUTH EL MONTE SERVICES

Measure SEM would allow the City of South El Monte to receive approximately \$1.6 Million annually, without increasing the current overall sales tax rate, to help pay for local general fund services. Examples of general fund services are South El Monte's efforts to respond to crimes and thefts, provide housing programs, operate city parks and recreation services, remove graffiti, address homelessness, and maintain and repair local streets.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

The new revenue, generated for the City of South El Monte by Measure SEM, would be deposited in the City's general fund, with annual independent fiscal audits and public disclosure of all spending.

### MORE INFORMATION ON SALES TAXES & MEASURE SEM

More information on Measure SEM is available at [cityofsouthelmonte.org/MeasureSEM](http://cityofsouthelmonte.org/MeasureSEM).

### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS

The November 5<sup>th</sup> statewide election is coming soon. Information on registering to vote, how to return your ballot by mail or via a local official dropbox, or casting your ballot in person at a Voting Center near where you live or work is available at [www.lavote.gov](http://www.lavote.gov).

