

City of North Las Vegas Ballot Question 2

Public Safety Property Tax Override Question

Shall the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas be authorized to maintain a tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation for a period of 30 years to be used exclusively to fund the operating expenses for public safety and equipment and other expenses for the Police Department and Community Correctional Center? The tax rate shall commence upon the expiration of the existing tax rate on July 1, 2027. The cost for the owner of a new \$100,000 home is estimated to be up to \$70 per year. **Tax rates will not be increased as a result of approval of this question.**

Yes

No

Explanation of the Question

In November of 1996, the City Council of the City (the “Council”) passed and adopted resolution 1902, which authorized the City to levy a special elective tax of \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation to fund public safety functions. The existing special elective tax expires 30 years after its adoption, which is the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

A “yes” vote would permit the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas to maintain the levy of a property tax of up to \$0.20 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for 30 years. The purpose to maintain the tax is to fund the operating expenses for public safety and equipment and other expenses for the Police Department and Community Corrections Center. Funding for public safety is vital for our community. This funding source currently funds approximately sixty-five (65) positions in the Police Department and Community Corrections Center. A “yes” vote would permit the City to maintain sixty-five (65) positions and add additional needed police and detention officers, support personnel, equipment, and other expenses necessary for the Police Department and the Community Correctional Center. Additionally, this funding allows for purchasing equipment necessary for these public safety positions.

A “no” vote would prevent the City from maintaining and levying the special elective tax of \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation upon the expiration of the existing special elective tax in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, resulting in the insufficiency of funding for approximately sixty-five (65) positions in the Police Department and Community Corrections Center and for purchasing equipment necessary for those positions.

Argument in support

Public safety is of critical importance to the residents of North Las Vegas. Passage of the tax override will enable the City to maintain the currently funded positions and add additional needed police and detention officers, support personnel, equipment, and other expenses necessary for the Police Department and the Community Correctional Center.

It will also shorten police response time, and make a more visible presence of police throughout the City, enabling the Police Department to maintain its efforts to provide the best protection possible to the residents of the City.

The anticipated financial effect of approval would not increase taxes over existing rates, but instead would maintain the existing property tax for public safety at the current rate. The anticipated financial effect would also be small in comparison to the public safety benefits provided by the funds generated by the tax if the question is approved. The approval of the question is not expected to have any environmental impacts.

Argument in opposition

Passage of the proposal will maintain property taxes for public safety at \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed value, or \$70.00 per year for a typical \$100,000 home for a period of 30 years. Reducing property taxes will lower property owners' tax payments to the City once the current tax override for public safety expires.