

ICOC FY 2019-2020 Charter

City of San José Council Resolution No. 78016, adopted December 13, 2016 designates the Neighborhoods Commission of the City of San José as the local sales tax independent citizens oversight committee, as outlined in the Measure B ¼-Cent Sales Tax Ballot measure.

The resolution further designates the Neighborhoods Commission as the Oversight Committee, to absorb the oversight function required by Measure B within the existing scope of the Neighborhoods Commission, and requires that the Neighborhoods Commission, in its role as the Oversight Committee, review local sales tax revenues annually and report to the City Council on the local ¼-cent sales tax measure during the annual budget process.

Each year, for the life of the Measure B ¼-Cent Sales Tax, the ICOC will review:

- Revenue resulting from Measure B
- Areas of the San José annual budget impacted by Measure B
- Measure B sales tax revenue and expenditure data provided by the San José City Manager's Office
- Recommendations made by the ICOC Committee from the previous year.

The ICOC will review and analyze data provided by the City and produce an annual report with a timeline defined by the City, containing an evaluation of the proposed budget allocations with the actual expenditures and submit that report to the City Council.

SCOPE OF WORK.

The San José City's Tax ballot measure and the ICOC charter define the scope of work.

San José City's 2016 Measure B Sales Tax ballot measure: *To fund essential City services such as: improving police response to reduce violent crimes and burglaries; improving 911/emergency medical/fire response times; repairing potholes and streets; expanding gang prevention; and maintaining the City's long-term financial stability, shall the City of San José enact a ¼ percent sales tax for 15 years, providing about \$40 million annually, requiring Independent Citizens Oversight with public review of spending, and all revenues controlled locally.*

On August 10, 2016, the City's Rules Committee directed the City Manager to: 1) create a process for appointing citizens to the ICOC, with explicit consideration that the City's NC serve as the Committee by absorbing Measure B's mandated functions within the existing purpose of the NC; 2) establish a schedule for periodic meetings of the ICOC, at least annually; and 3) determine a scope of duties consistent with voter authorization. The use of the NC as the ICOC will conserve City resources and staff time and aligns with past work the NC has done on budget engagement. The City desires to designate the NC as the ICOC, absorb the oversight function required by Measure B within the existing scope of the Neighborhoods Commission, and require that the Neighborhoods Commission, in its role as the ICOC, review local sales tax revenues annually and report to the City Council on the local sales tax measure during the annual budget process.