

April 22, 2004

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular meeting of
April 27, 2004

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY SALES TAX INITIATIVE**

Recommendation:

That the City Council review and discuss the initiative and determine whether or not to take a position. If the decision is made to support the initiative, a resolution is attached for adoption.

Background:

Sheriff Baca is the sponsor of a Countywide initiative to increase the sales tax by ½ cent. These funds would be used for public safety, mainly for law enforcement. The funds would be distributed on a formula that would result in Hermosa Beach receiving an additional \$1,343,789 per year. These funds would be used in addition to the funds that the City has spent for the 2003-04 for law enforcement.

The initiative would be on the November ballot in Los Angeles County. A copy of the initiative is attached as well as a breakdown of how the funds will be distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager