



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF
MEASURE ____

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVENAL ENACTING A ONE PERCENT
(1%, OR ONE PENNY PER DOLLAR) GENERAL SALES TAX.

This is a general tax to pay for basic city services. It will pay for police, fire, street and sidewalk repair, senior and youth recreation, animal control and other essential city services.

Record high inflation during the COVID-19 pandemic reduced the impact of property tax revenues. This has created a difficult challenge to provide the most basic of services. We had to leave city staff positions unfilled, use old, unreliable equipment to maintain critical municipal services and cut funding for other essential city services. We have delayed maintenance on our streets, city buildings and parks. Avenal maintains only the most basic city services. Now those are at risk too. We have had to leave police officer positions unfilled. We may need to make drastic cuts in all departments (police, fire, recreation, animal control, and public works).

Many City improvements have been made using grants without a cost to the city, but core services depend on general fund revenue which this tax measure would help support. The State and County keep most of the sales tax collected in Avenal with only roughly one and a half pennies of every dollar paid to Avenal. The passage of this measure will provide an estimated \$400,000 - \$500,00 in new funds. While this additional revenue will not entirely solve our financial situation, it will certainly help! Importantly, this local tax cannot be taken away by the State. These funds will be accounted for in our annual audits and audit reports will be available to the public.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure ____ and help our City build a stronger economy, deliver high quality services, and address the needs of our community

CITY OF Avenal

Resident & Avenal City Manager:
Antony V. López



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November 8, 2022 in the County of Kings, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

	Print Name Clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
1	Juan Contreras	(Gallens CAFE) business owner	<i>[Signature]</i>	7-30-22
2	Louis "LOJ" Gravelle	Council Member / ^{State} _{more}	<i>[Signature]</i>	7-30-22
3	HARLIN G. CASIDA	RETIRED Council Member ^{State} _{more}	<i>[Signature]</i>	7-30-22
4	Janeth Pacheco	business owner / blank	<i>[Signature]</i>	8-1-22
5	Walid Muharram	business owner SFJ ^{more} _{more}	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/1/22



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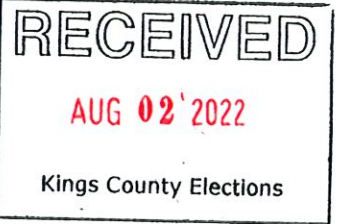
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1	<i>Gabriel Nieto</i>	<i>Youth Coach</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>8-1-22</i>
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List of names for 1% Sales Tax



1. **Juan Carlos Contreras** - Business Owner - Gallery Café
2. **Louis "Lou" Gravelle** – Council Member, Store Manager - Circle K
3. **Harlin G. Casida** – Retired Council Member/Teacher
4. ~~**Janeth Pacheco** – Business Owner – Blanca's Store~~
5. **Walid Muharram** - Business Owner - Skyline Mini Mart

1. **Gabriel Nieto** – Youth Coach