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**HANFORD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINT REVENUE MEASURE
COMMITTEE (RMC) MEMBERS**

First committee meeting set for Tuesday, February 13 from 6 -8 p.m.

HANFORD, CA – The City of Hanford’s new Revenue Measure Committee (RMC) is ready to begin regular meetings following the selection of committee members at a special City Council meeting last week.

The City Clerk’s office received a total of 22 written and online applications during the application period, which closed on January 15. A list of committee members is below. Each Hanford City Council Member appointed one committee member from their respective district, plus an additional two at-large members, for a total of 15 committee members.

The Revenue Measure Committee will meet weekly beginning on Tuesday, February 13 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the City of Hanford Training Room (319 N. Douty Street), though subsequent meetings will be held on Wednesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. The meetings are subject to the Brown Act and will be open to the public. The primary purpose of the RMC is to make a recommendation to City Council regarding a possible revenue measure to be placed on the November 2024 ballot.

“I want to thank everyone who applied to be on this committee,” Mayor Travis Paden said. “I’d also like to thank the members in advance for their commitment to serving in this capacity. I’m eager to receive their recommendations so that we may hopefully move forward with a revenue measure on the November ballot.”

Of the current 7.25% sales tax collected in the City of Hanford, less than 1% remains in the City of Hanford. The remainder is kept by the state of California and a small percentage goes to Kings County. Hanford is one of approximately 30 incorporated cities in the state that does not have an additional district tax (California has 482 incorporated cities).

A successful revenue measure would increase the discretionary tax revenue in the City’s General Fund, which could fund essential City services such as public safety (police, fire), parks, general government, and streets maintenance, depending on the RMC’s eventual recommendation.

For more information about the City's Revenue Measure Committee, please visit www.hanford.city/RevenueMeasure.

Mayor Travis Paden	Vice Mayor Mark Kairis	Council Member Kalish Morrow	Council Member Diane Sharp	Council Member Lou Martinez
Christine Leach	Victor Rosa	Anna Brookshire	Nate Ferrier	Brigid Fogg
Lois Bentley	Victor Chavarin	Martin Devine	Valerie Castles	Bob Ramos
Fred Lofy	Cheyne Strawn	Jennifer Bartell	Andrea Barone	Rusty Brookshire

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