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AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (FAB)

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Hana Gardens, Senior Center
10870 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

6:30 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair David Carvel, Vice-Chair Michael McDougall.
Members Janos Szlatenyi and Kimberly White. Youth Member Clive Watson-Lamprey Singer.
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three (3) minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first, as well as introduction by individuals interested in serving on the advisory body. Remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS** (5 min.)
Staff and/or Councilmembers may report Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council, and/or on matters of general interest to the FAB.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** (5 min.) (Attachment)
Consider a motion adopting the minutes for the FAB meeting held on December 18, 2025 and January 27, 2026.
- 5. GENERAL FUND LONG-TERM FORECAST DEFICIT CONCERNS** (30 min.) (Attachment)
Discussion and possible recommendations of budget solutions to address the projected General Fund budget deficits in the long-term forecast.
- 6. REVIEW OF THE MAY 20, 2025 PRESENTATION OF 2025 COST ALLOCATION PLAN** (15 min.) (Attachment)
Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the City's Cost Allocation Plan.
 - [May 20, 2025 Council Meeting](#)
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (5 min.)
 - Purchasing Ordinance, updates as available
 - Service Delivery Study, updates as available
 - Pool, updates as available
 - Special meeting when appropriate to discuss funding

- Review investment policy
- Make recommendations on clear annual budget plan calendar

8. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison at 510-215-4312. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102—35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings for documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at <https://www.el-cerrito.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=93>.

FAB. Public Comment 5. General Fund Long Term Forecast

From Ira Sharenow [REDACTED]
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If the parcel tax passes in June, then the city can start collecting taxes in December 2026. The money can be used for a wide range of activities. It can be used to help staff plan. It can be used to pay consultants. There will not be a library. There will just be a tax.

Can this parcel tax help solve the city's budget problems?

Ira Sharenow
El Cerrito, CA