



CITY OF OAKLAND

# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Jestin D. Johnson  
City Administrator


**FROM:** Bradley Johnson  
Finance Director

**SUBJECT:** Budget Advisory Commission (BAC)  
Recommendations On The Proposed  
June 2026 \$40 Million Parcel Tax  
Measure

**DATE:** January 5, 2026

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City Administrator Approval



Jestin Johnson (Apr 13, 2026 13:46:30 PDT)

Date: Apr 13, 2026

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report From The Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) On The Proposed June 2026 \$40 Million Parcel Tax Measure to Support Essential City Services and Fiscal Stability.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Budget Advisory Commission's (BAC) report ***Attachment A: BAC Recommendations on the June 2026 \$40 million Tax Measure*** contains comments and recommendations pertaining to the proposed June 2026 \$40 million parcel tax measure included in the FY2025-27 Adopted Budget.

The recommendations also consider the Informational and Supplemental reports [A List Of Options To Raise An Additional \\$40 Million in General Purpose Fund Revenues](#) presented by the City Administrator's Office to the Finance and Management Committee on September 30, 2025, and October 16, 2025.

The BAC submits this report to the Finance and Management Committee for consideration on the structure and ballot language of the proposed June 2026 \$40 million parcel tax measure.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

On June 11, 2025, the City Council adopted the FY 2025-27 Biennial Budget [90827 C.M.S](#) which included the \$40 million in new ongoing General Purpose Fund revenue beginning in FY 2026-27 from a tax measure to be placed on the June 2026 ballot.

On September 30, 2025, the Finance and Management Committee received an [Informational Report With A List of Options To Raise An Additional Ongoing \\$40 Million in General Purpose Fund Revenues](#).

Finance And Management Committee  
April 21, 2026

Section 2, Item (A) of the Ordinance Establishing the BAC [13337 C.M.S.](#) requires the Budget Advisory Commission to submit reports on items affecting the City's fiscal health to the Finance & Management Committee and City Council. This report is included as **Attachment A: BAC Recommendations on the June 2026 \$40 million Tax Measure.**

## **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

The BAC makes the following recommendations, as detailed in **Attachment A: BAC Recommendations on the June 2026 \$40 million Tax Measure.**

1. Adopt a progressively tiered parcel tax structure
2. Establish independent oversight and accountability mechanisms
3. Leverage the tax measure process to increase civic engagement and public education
4. Allow lead-based paint abatement as an eligible use of funds
5. Exclude accessory dwelling units (ADUs) from unit counts for parcel tax assessment purposes

This report supports the Citywide priority of a **responsive, trustworthy government** by providing timely and up-to-date financial information affecting the fiscal health of the City, encouraging public participation in fiscal decision-making, and enhancing transparency and accountability of City fiscal information and processes.

## **RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS**

The BAC's tax measure recommendations support the [Fiscal Year 2026-30 Oakland Roadmap to Fiscal Health](#) item 3. Diversify the revenue base with a new voter-adopted revenue proposal in 2026 by providing detailed policy recommendations for the proposed \$40 million voter measure. The agenda report also supports the City's broader strategy to achieve structural balance by diversifying revenue for long-term fiscal sustainability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no direct fiscal impacts in the acceptance of this report

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No public outreach was necessary in the preparation of this staff report. The Budget Advisory Commission discussed their comments and recommendations to the Proposed \$40 Million Parcel Tax Measure at public and noticed meetings of that body prior to adoption.

## **COORDINATION**

An ad hoc working group of the Oakland Budget Advisory Commission coordinated with the full Oakland Budget Advisory Commission, the Department of Finance's Budget Bureau, and the City Administrator's Office to produce this report and agenda item.

## **RACE AND EQUITY**

The BAC finds that a progressively tiered parcel tax would improve equity outcomes by better aligning the tax burden with property size and capacity to pay, while reducing disproportionate impacts on small businesses. Additionally, allowing lead-based paint abatement as an eligible use of funds would advance racial and health equity, that affect Black and Latino households. Excluding ADUs from the tax would further support equitable housing production. These considerations are discussed in detail in **Attachment A: BAC Recommendations on the June 2026 \$40 million Tax Measure.**

## **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive An Informational Report From The Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) On The Proposed June 2026 \$40 Million Parcel Tax Measure to Support Essential City Services and Fiscal Stability.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Tiffany Kirkpatrick. Budget & Management Analyst, at 510-238-2366.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments (1):

**A: BAC Recommendations on the June 2026 \$40 million Tax Measure**