

# FUNDING SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR MELISSA POLICE AND MELISSA FIRE SERVICES

REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF SALES TAX COLLECTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

MAY 4, 2024



## PROPOSAL

- Reallocate a portion of the MIEDC (4A) sales tax to fund a Crime Control and Prevention District (Police)
- Reallocate a portion of the MIEDC (4A) sales tax to fund a Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Services District (Fire) and authorize the City Council to serve as the Board of the Fire District

### WHAT IS A CRIME CONTROL & PREVENTION DISTRICT (CCD) AND FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT (FPD)?

A CCD and FPD are special districts allowed under Texas State law to help support crime control/fire control and prevention programs, operational expenses, and related capital purchases for Police and Fire. The sales tax revenue generated by these districts would be dedicated to Public Safety and utilized to fund enhancements in technology and specialized services.

## OVERVIEW

- The current MIEDC (4A) sales tax is primarily intended for manufacturing and industrial development and certain infrastructure improvements that promote or develop new or expanded business enterprises.
- The 2015 Melissa Comprehensive Plan estimates that Industrial development (the focus of the MIEDC (4A) sales tax) will be ~ 1% of the land use in the City limits.
- Melissa has almost doubled in population since 2019, and the increased population results in an increased demand for public safety services.
- 88% of those polled in the 2023 Citizen Survey agree or strongly agree that the City needs to increase funding for public safety as the City grows.
- Study estimates ~29%-54% of sales taxes collected are currently paid by non-residents.
- If approved, sales taxes collected would supplement General Fund contributions to Police and/or Fire.

#### Focus of Police Investment, by type:

- Equipment and Innovative Technology
- Specialized Divisions including a traffic division and commercial motor vehicle enforcement division
- Police Personnel

#### Focus of Fire Investment, by type:

- Facility and Equipment: Station #2, in Northern Melissa
- Fire Personnel
- Fire Apparatus

#### For the districts to be funded, voters must approve measures to:

- Create a Crime Control and Prevention District at  $\frac{1}{4}$ -cent and reduce the current MIEDC (4A) sales tax collection from  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent to  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent; and
- Create a Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District at  $\frac{1}{4}$ -cent, and reduce the current MIEDC (4A) sales tax collection from  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent to  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent.

## FAQ

### WOULD THIS CHANGE THE SALES TAX RATE ANYONE CURRENTLY PAYS ON TAXABLE GOODS AND/OR SERVICES?

No. This proposition would reallocate the MIEDC (4A) sales tax that is currently dedicated to industrial economic development to be used solely for the expansion of Police and Fire services. **THERE IS NO TAX INCREASE FOR THIS PROPOSAL.**

### WILL THIS RAISE MY PROPERTY TAXES?

No. This proposal does not impact property tax at all, and it will not raise the current property or sales tax rate.

### HOW LONG WILL THIS HELP FUND POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES?

If approved, the dedicated sales tax for Police and Fire will have to be reauthorized by the voters in 5 years.

## WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

### BALLOT PROPOSITION A - VOTE “FOR” OR “AGAINST”

The creation of the Melissa Crime Control and Prevention District dedicated to crime reduction programs, the adoption of a proposed sales and use tax at a rate of 1/4 of 1%, and to maintain the same overall sales tax rate in the City, the reduction of the sales and use tax currently levied for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises by the Melissa Industrial and Economic Development Corporation from a rate of 1/2 of 1% to 1/4 of 1%.

### BALLOT PROPOSITION B - VOTE “FOR” OR “AGAINST”

The creation of the Melissa Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District dedicated to fire safety and emergency medical services programs, with the City Council to serve as the District’s board of directors, the adoption of a proposed sales and use tax at a rate of 1/4 of 1%, and to maintain the same overall sales tax rate in the City, the reduction of the sales and use tax currently levied for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises by the Melissa Industrial and Economic Development Corporation from a rate of 1/2 of 1% to 1/4 of 1%.

## BALLOT OUTCOMES

**If YES Proposition A & YES Proposition B - MIEDC (4A) sales tax funding will be reallocated to a Crime Control and Prevention District and Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District, each at 1/4 of 1%.**

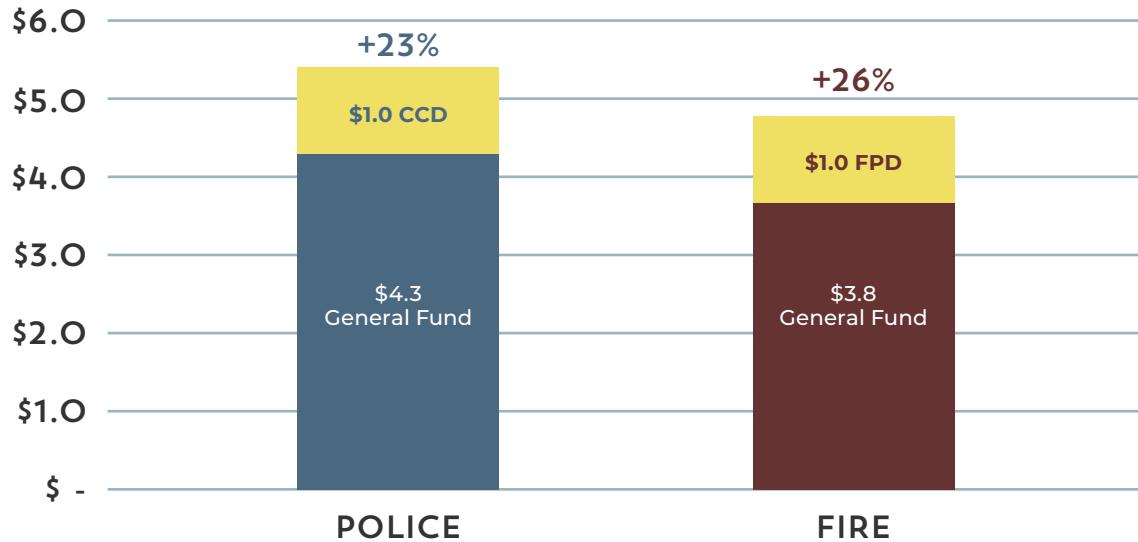
**If YES Proposition A & NO Proposition B - Crime Control District is created and funded at 1/4 of 1% and the MIEDC (4A) is funded at 1/4 of 1%**

**If NO Proposition A & YES Proposition B - Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District is created and funded at 1/4 of 1% and the MIEDC (4A) is funded at 1/4 of 1%**

**If NO Proposition A & NO Proposition B – MIEDC (4A) remains funded at 1/2 of 1%**

## ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING WITH CCD, FPD

(In Millions)



If this proposal had been in effect for Fiscal Year 2024, Police and Fire Department would have received approximately 23% and 26% more funding, respectively.

## MAY 4, 2024 JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 21 No Voting	April 22 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm	April 23 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm	April 24 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm	April 25 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm	April 26 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm	April 27 Early Voting 8 am - 5 pm
April 28 No Voting	April 29 Early Voting 7 am - 7 pm	April 30 Early Voting 7 am - 7 pm	May 1 <b>NO VOTING</b>	May 2 <b>NO VOTING</b>	May 3 <b>NO VOTING</b>	May 4 Election Day 7 am - 7 pm

**Important Note:** Eligible Collin County registered voters (with an effective date of registration on or before May 4, 2024) may vote at any Early Voting or Election Day location.

## POLLING LOCATIONS IN MELISSA, ANNA, AND MCKINNEY

Polling Location	Room Name	Address	City	Zip Code
Collin County Elections (Main Early Voting Location)	Voting Room	2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102	McKinney	75069
<b>Melissa City Hall</b>	<b>Municipal Court Room, 1st Floor</b>	<b>3411 Barker Ave</b>	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>75454</b>
Anna Municipal Complex	Lobby	120 W. 7th St.	Anna	75409
Children's Health StarCenter	Activity Room	6993 Star Ave.	McKinney	75070
Gay Library	Meeting Room	6861 W. Eldorado Pkwy.	McKinney	75070
McKinney Fire Station #5	Community Room	6600 Virginia Pkwy.	McKinney	75071
McKinney Fire Station #7	Community Room	861 Independence Pkwy.	McKinney	75072
McKinney Fire Station #9	Community Room	4900 Summit View Dr.	McKinney	75071
McKinney Fire Station #10	Community Room	1150 Olympic Crossing	McKinney	75071
Roy & Helen Hall Memorial Library	Lobby	101 E. Hunt St.	McKinney	75069

Polling locations are subject to change. For the most current list of locations, please visit the Elections webpage at [www.collincountytx.gov/elections](http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections)



### IMPORTANT DATES:

4/04/24 – Last day to register to vote

4/22/24 – First day of early voting

4/23/24 – Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

4/30/24 – Last day of early voting

**5/04/24 – Election day**

For more information visit: [www.cityofmelissa.com/496/Crime-Control-Fire-Prevention-District-E](http://www.cityofmelissa.com/496/Crime-Control-Fire-Prevention-District-E)