



## Legislation Text

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

**DATE:** February 6, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Report on Community Visioning (CV) forums held in each supervisorial district during January 2018 and possible direction to staff

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As your Board is aware, during this Fiscal Year 2017/2018 staff, has been focused on solutions to the County's very serious and worsening financial situation including redesign of business practices and exploration of new revenue sources. As part of this process, we embarked upon a series of CV forums to educate our citizenry on the significant financial challenges and to engage them in developing solutions and establishing service priorities.

On your February 6, 2018 agenda, I am requesting an opportunity to provide a summary report and engage in discussion of possible next steps with your Board.

Overall, the forums have been very positive experiences during which dozens of ideas have been shared on the services which are most valued along with suggestions for greater efficiencies and possible new revenue streams.

As was conveyed by staff to the public during each forum, given our long history of "doing more with less", there is little doubt that finding new revenues will be an essential part of the solution. Both the Cities of Clearlake and Lakeport successfully passed sales tax measures enabling both jurisdictions to address financial challenges. It appears, from community sentiment resulting from our CV process that there may be support for a similar measure in the County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**   X   None    Budgeted    Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

**FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):** None

**STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):** None

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Possible direction to staff to initiate the procedure to prepare an ordinance to establish a general purpose sales tax.