



Legislation Text

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Hearing to consider amending the General Plan Economic Development Element with the removal of Policy 10.1.6.4; and staff recommending the Planning Commission recommend the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- 1) Determine that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b) (4), there is no evidence that the proposed amendment to remove language specific to how Transient Occupancy Tax is spent qualifies this action as a "project" and therefore is exempt from CEQA review; and
- 2) Approve General Plan Amendment to remove Economic Development Policy 10.1.6.4 which states, "The majority of transient occupancy tax generated revenue shall be directed toward the promotion of tourism, entertainment, business and leisure travel in El Dorado County."

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Request to consider amending the Economic Element of the General Plan to remove Policy 10.1.6.4 which states, "The majority of transient occupancy tax generated revenue shall be directed toward the promotion of tourism, entertainment, business and leisure travel in El Dorado County."

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 10, 2019 (Item 22, Legistar 19-1337), Supervisors Novasel and Hidahl, as the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget Adhoc Committee, recommended the Board direct staff to:

- 1) Proceed with a General Plan amendment to remove Policy 10.1.6.4 which states, "The majority of transient occupancy tax generated revenue shall be directed toward the promotion of tourism, entertainment, business and leisure travel in El Dorado County; and
- 2) Direct staff to return to the Board with an additional budget policy that states, "transient occupancy tax revenue shall be directed toward the impact of tourism and economic development."

As a result of this request, the Board voted 5-0 to move the item forward. The proposed revisions to the Economic Development Element would eliminate Policy 10.1.6.4 and would result in a new Board Policy, for the Chief Administrative Office regarding how Transient Occupancy Tax dollars can be allocated. It has been determined that this action is exempt from CEQA review as the action is not deemed a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4).

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