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Proposed Additional Half-Cent Sales Tax for

**84th Street  
Redevelopment**

# 5 Questions about the Half-Cent Sales Tax Proposal

## 1 What can be accomplished with an additional half-cent sales tax?

The City's first priority when it comes to 84<sup>th</sup> Street redevelopment is dealing with vacant and substandard properties along the corridor. The revenue generated from an additional half-cent sales tax would be **used specifically for the redevelopment of the 84<sup>th</sup> Street corridor**. With this revenue, the City could initiate the acquisition and demolition of property as well as infrastructure projects such as improving pedestrian safety and the appearance of the entire corridor.

## 2 Is the estimated annual revenue enough to make a difference in the total cost of redevelopment?

It is anticipated that to accomplish a project the City would issue bonds for specific phases and the annual revenue would be used to pay off the debt associated with those bonds.

## 3 Would the revenue be used to build a new pool?

Revenue from an additional half-cent sales tax is **NOT** intended to be used to construct a new swimming pool in La Vista.

## Why would the City consider purchasing property?

4 The first question typically asked by potential developers is if the City controls the land in the redevelopment area. Other than the golf course, the City does not own the land. In order to eliminate substandard and blighted conditions and facilitate redevelopment of the corridor, it may be necessary for the City to acquire land and demolish substandard structures.

## 5 What can the city do if the sales tax does not pass?

If the ballot initiative does not pass, the City will continue to promote redevelopment opportunities in the corridor. The Vision 84 plan is extensive and anticipates significant infrastructure improvements. Without a dedicated funding source the avenues for making visible progress are limited.

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