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18 Southern California Cities Will Ask to Raise Sales Tax on November Ballot.

Cities across California are banking on sales tax as a solution to inflation, residents' demand for services and looming pension costs.

Nearly 70 cities and counties will ask voters Nov. 6 to increase or extend sales and use taxes to help pay for public safety, road maintenance, homeless services and a grab bag of amenities often described in their ballot titles as "vital" and "essential."

Locally, 19 cities in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties are seeking more sales tax revenue, and nearly all measures are increases. Just one - in the city of San Fernando - would extend an existing tax.

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