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On May 13 La Vista voters will be asked to make an important decision.

The ballot for the primary election will include a proposal to extend our sales tax by an additional half-cent, to be used specifically for the redevelopment of 84th Street.

The City's first priority in conjunction with this project is addressing vacant properties along the corridor. With revenue from the additional sales tax, the City could initiate the acquisition and demolition of property as well as finance infrastructure projects such as improving pedestrian safety and access. The costs associated with the redevelopment efforts are significant, but the estimated \$1.1 million in annual revenue generated by the additional half-cent of sales tax could cover debt payments associated with potential projects.

Over the past 10 years the area has continued to decline and the private sector has been unable to make any progress. Residents have voiced their concerns about 84th Street and the City Council and I have heard you. The additional half-cent is being proposed to allow the City to jump start the redevelopment efforts.

Before going to the polls, learn more about the ballot proposal by visiting our website, [\*\*www.citoflavista.org/84thsalestax\*\*](http://www.citoflavista.org/84thsalestax), or calling City Hall at 402-331-4343. Additional information is available including answers to some frequently asked questions.

We need to hear from you on this important issue—please take time to vote on May 13.

— Mayor Douglas Kindig