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# Information Guide

City of Windcrest

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NOVEMBER  
2, 2021

On November 2, 2021, Windcrest voters will have the opportunity to choose the Mayor, City Councilmembers for Place 4 and Place 5. Additionally, Windcrest voters will vote on two special election key issues, such as:

- Street Maintenance
- New Aquatics Center



## PROPOSITION A

The Special Sales and Use Tax Election, Proposition A, would continue the  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent sales tax that was approved by voters in 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017.

**Proposition A** would re-authorize the City of Windcrest to use one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of one (1) percent of the local sales and use tax to continue to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of the streets in the city limits.

### How will Proposition A read on the ballot?

“THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IN THE CITY OF WINDCREST, TEXAS AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.”

**If the re-authorization of the one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) cent sales tax is not approved, would that change the city sales tax rate?**

No, the sales tax rate would remain the same. The  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent would be reallocated in to the City's general maintenance and operation fund.

## PROPOSITION B



The Special Bond Election, **Proposition B**, would dedicate funding for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping an aquatic center as part of the City's public park system.

**Proposition B** would allow the City to seek funding in a form of debt obligation that, when issued, provides local government with funds to finance large capital improvements. On August 5, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance 2021-013(O), calling a bond election authorizing to issue and sell one or more series of general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$4.9 million.

### How will Proposition B read on the ballot?

"THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900,000 OF CITY OF WINDCREST, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR AN AQUATIC CENTER, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

### What is the estimated cost of Proposition B?

**Proposition B** is estimated to have a debt tax rate impact of approximately \$0.0299 cents per \$100 Assessed Valuation.

A tax rate increase of \$0.0299 cents per \$100 valuation would affect property owners as follows:

### Estimated Homestead Residences Impact

TAXABLE VALUE	TAX IMPACT	MONTHLY IMPACT	ANNUAL IMPACT
\$200,000	\$0.0299	\$4.98	\$59.80
\$250,000	\$0.0299	\$6.23	\$74.75
\$300,000	\$0.0299	\$7.48	\$89.70



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## **What can General Obligation Bonds be used for?**

General Obligation Bonds allow the City to pay for major capital investments having a public purpose, such as streets, drainage, public safety facilities, flood control as well as quality of life enhancements related to libraries, parks, community recreation, cultural facilities and elimination of slum and blight. Bonds are sold to investors and the proceeds from the sale of these bonds are used to pay for capital City of Windcrest projects. Bond funds cannot be used for everyday operating costs for programs such as softball leagues, classes at senior centers, police officers or fire fighters. Such operating expenses are paid for by annual revenue that support the City's General Fund such as property tax revenue, sales tax revenue, and fees for service.

## **How are funds repaid that are received through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds?**

General Obligation Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City of Windcrest, which means that the City is obligated to pay back the bonds plus interest by pledging its ad valorem taxing power. As such, the City uses a portion of its property tax revenues to repay the General Obligation Bonds in the form of annual principal and interest payments.

## **If the bond passes, when will the project begin?**

If the citizens of Windcrest vote in favor of Proposition B on November 2nd, the City will likely sell the bonds in early 2022. Once the bonds are sold, we estimate that design and construction would begin within 60 days but only after the appropriate government contracting rules are followed.

## **Who may vote in the election?**

Any qualified resident of the City of Windcrest who is registered to vote no later than 30 days before the November 2, 2021 election.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (cont'd)



## When and where will the election be held?

**Early Voting:** Beginning Monday, October 18 and continuing through Friday, October 29, 2021 on the dates and times as listed below:

Mon., Oct. 18 thru Fri., Oct. 22.....	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 23, 2021.....	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 24, 2021.....	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 25 thru Wed., Oct. 27.....	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 28 thru Fri., Oct. 29.....	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Election Day:** The election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can vote at any vote center in Bexar County on election day. The vote centers are listed on the Bexar County Election Department website at <https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department>.

## Is there a vote center in Windcrest?

Yes. You may vote at Windcrest Takas Park Civic Center located at 9310 Jim Seal Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239 during early voting or on election day.

For additional information regarding the City of Windcrest General Election, Special Election and Bond Election, please refer to the City's Elections webpage at [www.windcrest-tx.gov](http://www.windcrest-tx.gov) or contact the Bexar County Elections Department at (210) 335-8683.

