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### **Port St. Lucie Residents Invited to Open House on the Proposed Half-Cent Sales Tax**

PORT ST. LUCIE (Sept. 22, 2016) – In an effort to keep voters informed about how a proposed half-cent sales tax would help the City of Port St. Lucie, City officials invite the public to an open house, where they can ask questions and learn details about how this sales tax revenue would be spent in the City.

Port St. Lucie's open house on the proposed half-cent sales tax will be Wednesday, September 28, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 SE Airoso Blvd.

St. Lucie County voters, which include all voters in the City of Port St. Lucie, will be asked on Nov. 8 to approve the proposed half-cent sales tax in order to address an estimated \$1.2 billion backlog of water quality, road construction and reconstruction, public safety and sidewalk projects in St. Lucie County. That includes \$600 million in the unincorporated county and \$645 million in the cities of Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce.

Port St. Lucie voters will have an opportunity to visit several different kiosks at the open house, where they will learn about the many benefits the proposed sales tax would provide with respect to water quality projects for a clean river and improvements to roads and sidewalks in the City.

If voters approve the proposal, an oversight committee will track the projects and spending. The proposed tax would help create local construction jobs, and would allow tourists and visitors to help contribute to the funding of these projects. Every dollar raised would be used locally, and the half-cent increase would expire after 20 years.

For much more information on the proposed half-cent sales tax, please visit: <http://slchalfcent.org/>

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*The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work and play, and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With over 179,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's eighth largest city by population (South Florida's 3rd largest city). The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, half way between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services including law enforcement, water and sewer, and public works. For more information, please visit: [www.cityofpsl.com](http://www.cityofpsl.com)*

