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Citizens' Sales Tax Oversight Committee Wants Your Questions

The Citizens' Sales Tax Oversight Committee would like to remind citizens and City voters that it is taking questions from the public via a dedicated e-mail address as it continues its work.

The committee has already compiled a list of frequently asked questions and answers online, and further questions from the public could help round out this FAQ. Citizens are encouraged to send any questions they may have about the purpose, collection, allocation and oversight of three specific City sales taxes to the committee. Please note: the committee's charge focuses only on current and future sales tax programs, not past projects.

City Council formed the committee in an effort to promote further transparency and accountability in City government, with the belief that taxpayers themselves are the best watchdogs of taxpayer funds. These nine citizens review and monitor the collection of three City sales taxes: the ¼-Cent Sales Tax for Capital Improvements; the ⅛-Cent Sales Tax for Transportation; and the ¾-Cent Police-Fire Pension Sales Tax.

The committee's chair is asked to present updates to City Council, in person and at a public meeting, at least once every six months. The first such report was presented to Council by current chair Dr. Richard Thompson on Jan. 10, 2011. The FAQ and the initial six-month report can be found on the committee's webpage., under the heading "Advisory Boards." Information about the committee's membership is also available on this page.

CSTOC meetings are open to the public. The group's next meeting is 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the fourth floor conference room of the Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Ave.

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