

**CITY ATTORNEY’S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE P
CITY OF VALLEJO SAFE STREETS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE**

The Vallejo City Council approved Measure P at its meeting on July 12, 2022 and requested that Solano County place Measure P on the ballot at the November 8, 2022 general election. Measure P is a transactions and use tax within the City of Vallejo that would tax retail sales at the rate of seven eighths of one percent (.875%) of the retail sales price, i.e. seven eighths of one cent for an item that costs one dollar.

The current sales tax rate in Vallejo is 8.375%. The City receives 2% and the remainder is divided between the State of California and other taxing entities within Solano County.

Measure P is a “transactions and use tax.” A transactions and use tax is collected in the same manner as a traditional sales tax with minor exceptions. Measure P would authorize a seven eighths of one percent (.875%) transactions and use tax which would increase the combined sales tax in Vallejo to 9.25 percent (9.25%).

Measure P is classified as a general tax and not a special tax. General tax proceeds may be used for any municipal purpose including, but not limited to keeping public spaces healthy, safe and clean; maintaining fire protection, emergency medical response and crime prevention; addressing homelessness, blight and dumping; and repairing deteriorating neighborhood streets, roads and sidewalks. Retailers collect the tax from customers at the time of a retail purchase and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax. The tax will be paid by anyone who purchases goods at retail establishments within Vallejo. The tax will also apply to the purchase, by Vallejo residents, of automobiles, boats and aircraft purchased anywhere within the State of California.

Measure P is estimated to generate approximately eighteen (18) million dollars in revenue annually which may be used as identified above. Measure P requires oversight in the form of independent financial audits and citizen oversight. These audits are public records and available for inspection by any member of the public. The City Council will appoint a seven-member citizen oversight board. The board will review tax expenditures and report to the City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing to review, discuss and have public comment on the citizen oversight board report.

A “Yes” vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A “No” vote is a vote against the tax. Measure P will be approved if it receives a simple majority of “Yes” votes.

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