

Argument against Measure F – City of Benicia sales tax increase.

VOTE NO on MEASURE F.

Among the many reasons why Measure F is fatally and legally flawed are the following:

First, Benicia increased the Sales and Use Tax earlier this year in March 2024.

Second, Measure F is legally flawed because it is written in the language of an Advisory Measure Only. Ordinances (and statutes) may only be proposed and enacted with simple declarative language. Unlike Advisory Measures, no legislation may be enacted as a question.

Third, Measure F is fatally flawed because it lacks any "enacting clause" required by State law to enact ordinances. Such a clause is unnecessary for an Advisory Measure.

Fourth, Measure F is fatally flawed because the City Attorney has poisoned the measure with a so-called "Summary" which is more than twice as long as the proposed measure. This new substantive language expressly revises and amends Measure F. Such an amendment and revision is expressly prohibited by State law.

Fifth, measure F does not create a "citizen's oversight committee". The best that can be said is that it requests the City Council to create and appoint such a committee. And experience indicates that such a committee has little independence and no real power.

Measure F as amended? F NO!

s/Solano County Taxpayers Association  
Michael Nolan, President

s/Christopher Shenfield  
Benicia Resident

s/Davin Versace  
Benicia Resident



# SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE ONE

(Elections Code Section 9065, 9600)

All arguments/rebuttal arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by this form to be signed by each author(s). Author(s) names and titles listed will be listed and printed in the Voter Information Guide in the order provided below and will appear as indicated below.

The undersigned author(s) of the:

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CITY OF BENICIA

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

300 WORDS

ARGUMENT AGAINST

300 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

250 WORDS

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST

250 WORDS

Ballot measure letter F at the NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION  
Name of election

Election for the CITY OF BENICIA  
Jurisdiction - name of district

to be held on NOVEMBER 5, 2024 hereby state that such argument  
Election Date

is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

1) [Redacted] [Redacted] 8/13/2024  
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

MICHAEL T NOLAN  
Print Name

PRESIDENT  
(Optional) Title

Solano County Taxpayers Association  
Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one A

2) [Redacted] [Redacted] 8/14/2024  
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

Christopher Shenfield  
Print Name

Benicia Resident  
(Optional) Title

Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one A

3) [Redacted] [Redacted] 8/14/2024  
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

DEVIN VERSACE  
Print Name

BENICIA RESIDENT  
(Optional) Title

Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

If yes complete page 2 Please circle one A

4) [Redacted] [Redacted] 20  
Signature of individual voter eligible to vote Residence address (for verification purposes) Date

[Redacted]  
Print Name

[Redacted]  
(Optional) Title

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5) [Redacted] [Redacted] 20  
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[Redacted]  
Print Name

[Redacted]  
(Optional) Title

Are you signing on behalf of association or governing board? YES or NO

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IF SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A GOVERNING BOARD OR BONA FIDE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS YOU MUST COMPLETE PAGE 2

CONTACT PERSON NAME & PHONE # Michael t. Nolan (530) 902-5867

# SIGNATURE STATEMENT PAGE TWO

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## CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING & RECORD LETTER OF MEASURE

- Argument in favor of measure                       Rebuttal to argument in favor of measure  
 Argument against measure                       Rebuttal to argument against measure

## ARGUMENTS and/or REBUTTALS FILED BY (Check any of the following that apply:

- Board of Supervisors or Governing Board**  
Contact Person's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is submitted by the filers(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens:

- Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative**  
Name of Association: SOLANO COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION  
Principal Officer's Printed Name MICHAEL T. NOLAN  
Principal Officer's Signature [REDACTED]  
Title PRESIDENT  
Phone# (530) 902-5867 Fax# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail mtnolan1005@gmail.com

- A Form 410 Statement of Organization – establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure committee to support or oppose Measure \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ Committee I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_  
(The Form 410 must be filed within 10 days of the date the committee receives \$1000.00 in contributions)

- The organization meets on a regular basis. Meetings are held at DIXON  
\_\_\_\_\_ at the following schedule FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

- Other information that would support the claim that the group or organization is a Bona Fide Association, rather than a group of individuals who support or oppose Measure E  
Secretary of State Business filling document  
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