

OPPOSITION TO MEASURE G

The following measure, Measure H, proposes a one-half percent sales tax for “general purposes such as maintenance and repair of local streets”... and other things. This one, Measure G, seeks to tell us the real purpose of Measure H. It’s a separate measure because H is a General Tax and is much easier to pass, requiring only a simple majority vote. If Measure H said it was for streets and roads, it would be a Special Tax and require a two-thirds vote.

The FOUR previous attempts by Solano County to pass similar measures were Special Taxes and were defeated. They don’t want to take that chance again.

The main thing to keep in mind is that an advisory measure has no force in law. Its only purpose is to distract voters. Its promises don’t have to be kept.

California Election Code 96039 (c) specifically says:

“The results of the advisory vote **will in no manner be controlling** on the sponsoring legislative body.”

Measure G and H also establishes a Citizens Oversight Committee to oversee the expenditure of the funds. But read Measure H closely and you will see that “the committee’s responsibilities shall not include decision making on spending priorities, financing plans, or tax rate projections.” It goes on to say: “the committee shall no authority to direct, nor shall it direct County staff or officials.”

Proponents of Measure H are proposing a general tax because it requires only a majority vote for approval. They know that revenues can ultimately be used at any time for anything they want—perhaps to pay down employee pension obligations or build parks. They also know that they can disregard the Advisory Measure’s promises entirely.

Now you know, too. Don’t be fooled. **Vote No.**

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