

Impartial Analysis of Measure E

SOLANO COUNTY – TRANSACTION AND USE TAX ORDINANCE

The County of Solano has proposed a general transactions and use tax (sales tax) of one-eighth of one cent per dollar (0.125%).

State law authorizes the County to levy a general sales tax if the ordinance proposing the tax is approved by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors and the tax is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the entire county voting in the election. On August 9, 2022 the Solano County Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance and approved submitting it to the voters with four Supervisors voting in favor and one Supervisor voting against. If a majority of the voters in the County who vote on this measure vote “Yes,” the measure will pass and the sales tax will be levied.

The proposed tax is a general sales tax that is estimated to raise \$9,000,000.00 annually. All revenue generated from the tax would be deposited into the County’s General Fund and would be available for general governmental purposes. This measure does not restrict the use of the tax revenue to any specific purpose.

The tax would be paid in addition to the current sales tax. Like the current sales tax, the proposed tax would be imposed on all retailers in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County for the selling of tangible personal property, subject to certain exemptions and exclusions identified in the measure.

If approved, the tax would take effect immediately on November 8, 2022 and become operative on April 1, 2023. The tax would be levied for an indefinite term and could be terminated by a majority of the voters of the County of Solano by means of a ballot measure to repeal the tax at a future general or special election.

Measure E requires approval by simple majority of the voters of the County voting on it.

A “Yes” vote is a vote to authorize the County to levy a general sales tax of one-eighth of one cent per dollar (0.125%) on purchases throughout the County with certain exemptions and exclusions.

A “No” vote is a vote to not authorize the County to levy the proposed tax.

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