

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF VALLEJO SALES TAX MEASURE P**

This Measure P sales tax increase **doesn't guarantee** street repairs, improved emergency response, or addressing homelessness and illegal dumping. This money goes into the City's general fund, where it can be used however the City Council or staff wants, including filling other shortfalls caused by City mismanagement.

Measure P is City Hall deceiving us taxpayers to fund their gross fiscal negligence, using the same empty promises we've heard before.

That's precisely what's happening with the current City of Vallejo Measure B sales tax increase we've been paying for over 10 years. Promises were made and broken.

**We don't need another taxpayer-funded bailout, we need city accountability!**

Our City leaders want taxpayers to suffer yet another burden at a time our community is still recovering from the pandemic and struggling with inflation. This sales tax bailout disproportionately hits our most vulnerable citizens and hurts our small businesses. This lifetime tax increase has no end date. Our leaders pass the buck to us **permanently**, rather than cleaning up City Hall.

**Their promised citizens oversight committee is a farce.** Sales taxes are included in the overall city budget. Appointing a committee that oversees only this portion of city spending is absurd. Oversight is the City Council's responsibility, which they've consistently abdicated. Future City Councils can also ignore this committee, spending our money once again for salary raises, lawsuit payouts, and even more wasteful spending.

Until our leaders have earned our trust, they haven't earned even more taxes.

**Join us in Voting NO on Measure P**

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