

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

In 2013-14, Solano County residents paid over \$2.5 BILLION in federal and state income tax, property tax and sales tax. And that doesn't even count the amount we paid in utility taxes, DMV fees, Federal and State gas taxes, payments on bonds or special districts, etc.

Many of the taxes we pay are intended specifically for transportation projects like the 69.2 cents we pay per gallon of gasoline or the half percent sales tax of the 7.625 percent we pay in state sales tax. Many cities in Solano also charge an additional one quarter to one percent sales tax. Most promised to fix our streets and potholes with those revenues.

You want to know the truth about Measure H?

Truth is Solano County and its cities would be better served by working together to receive more of a share of federal and state transportation dollars by working with their legislative delegations.

Truth is the Citizens Oversight Committee is advisory at best and if you read Section 11-715 (d), it specially states, in part: "...the committee's responsibilities shall not include decision-making on spending priorities...nor shall it direct County staff or officials."

Truth is all sales taxes are regressive to the total economy--they hit lower income households harder than they do those with high incomes.

Truth is higher sales taxes mean less money to local merchants as people begin to shop in neighboring counties with lower sales tax or shop more on the internet.

Now you know the truth. Vote NO.