## CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G VALLEJO'S TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

The Vallejo City Council approved Measure G at its meeting of July 30, 2020 and requested that Solano County place Measure G on the ballot at the November 3, 2020 general election. Measure G is a transactions and use tax within the City of Vallejo that would tax retail sales at the rate of three-quarter cent (.75%) of the retail sales price, i.e. three-fourths of one cent for an item that costs one dollar.

The current sales tax rate in Vallejo is 8.375%. The City receives 2%. The State General Fund receives 3.9375%. Solano County receives 2.4375%.

Measure G is a "transactions and use tax" as opposed to a "sales tax." A transactions and use tax is collected in the same manner as a traditional sales tax with minor exceptions. Measure G would authorize a three-quarter cent (.75%) transactions and use tax which would increase the combined sales tax in Vallejo to 9.13 percent (9.13%). Taxes collected pursuant to Measure G would be deposited into the City's general fund and used for any purpose for which general fund revenues may be used.

Measure G is classified as a general tax and not a special tax. General tax proceeds may be used for any municipal purpose including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness, fire protection, emergency medical response, crime prevention and investigation, homelessness, police officer training, youth programs, and enhancing police transparency/accountability. Retailers collect the tax from customers at the time of a retail purchase and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax. The tax will be paid by anyone, including residents of Vallejo, who purchase goods at retail establishments within Vallejo.

Measure G is estimated to generate approximately twelve (12) million dollars in revenue annually. Measure G requires oversight in the form of independent financial audits. These audits are public records and available for inspection by any member of the public.

A "Yes" vote is a vote in favor of the tax. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. Measure G will be approved if it receives a simple majority of "Yes" votes.