

ARGUMENT AGAINST VALLEJO SALES TAX MEASURE P

Last city election we were asked to increase our sales tax yet again. Vallejo voters said NO. Now the Vallejo City Council majority places another, higher tax on the ballot.

Their promises about this tax increase are the same as 2020, and 2011 when voters agreed to a 1% sales tax increase. Those promises weren't kept. Instead the "temporary" 2011 tax was made permanent.

This tax increase can be spent however the Vallejo City Council wants, regardless of how they say they'll spend it. The Vallejo City Council majority spends our money irresponsibly.

Consider this reckless spending:

- **\$13 million** for a new waterfront police building needing **\$43 million** more for police use. The City is now looking for better locations.
- **\$500,000** cell phone tower emulator, despite no staff to use it.
- **\$800,000** house purchase near water department, with no explanation why it's needed.
- 157 acres on Mare Island sold for **\$3 million** ignoring another offer for *triple* that. The City spent **\$3 million** on hazardous cleanup resulting in a giveaway.
- **\$700,000** "discretionary" slush fund. **\$100,000** for each Councilmember to spend without accountability.
- **\$300,000** promoting the 2020 City of Vallejo Measure G tax increase!
- **\$500,000** payout to fire the city manager. Hired inexperienced replacement for top dollar.
- **\$2.6 million** affordable housing grant must be returned to Feds due to city "mismanagement".
- **\$50 million** liability for police killings/misconduct.

Vallejo received **\$26 million** American Rescue Plan funding. Millions more are coming from new infrastructure law for street repairs.

The Vallejo City Council is now considering giving themselves a pay raise!

This regressive tax increase hits low/middle income people hardest and damages businesses. We'll have the highest tax in Solano County. You'll pay the city **\$420 more for the average price new car!**

The City spends carelessly and wants us to pay their bill.

Say **NO** to city waste and more new taxes.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE P

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