

Rebuttal to Argument in Support of Measure B

Here we go again. Vote NO on Measure B. We are tired of local politicians who don't listen to their residents. They didn't get your message in 2022 when you voted down Measure R.

This year is Measure B. What do you think will happen if Measure B passes? This Measure is a "GENERAL FUND TAX." It goes directly into the GENERAL FUND and allows any three members of the City Council to spend it for any purpose.

The city council has warned that the city could face dire financial consequences if the measure is not approved. Supposedly they have already eliminated 10 positions, saving the city over \$1.5 million annually. Maybe they would need to lay off more staff and open city hall to the citizens, instead of having you make an appointment to see the people you are paying their salary.

Benicia should be proud that currently the City's sales tax rate is lower than other cities nearby such as Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Martinez. It gives Benicia's businesses and local workers a needed competitive advantage over other cities. Raising the sales tax will hurt local business that provide local jobs.

If Measure B passes Benicia's sales tax rate would be the highest in Solano County.

More taxes don't mean better services. Increasing sales taxes is not the solution. City officials must do more to cut costs. Stop overspending and cut waste. This Measure totally disregards your personal daily struggles.

Vote NO on Measure B.

s/ Michael Nolan