

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT FOR MEASURE O

Vote NO on O No New Taxes.

Measure O is a **new tax** on Sausalito residents. While tourists will pay the tax on their purchases, so will residents. The tax does not shift the burden of tourist costs to tourists. For example, most of the rental bicycle companies collect sales taxes in San Francisco, not Sausalito. Sausalito residents will pay the **new tax** on all internet purchases, which are projected to grow steadily.

Measure O is deceptive. Supporters promise desirable improvements to Sausalito's infrastructure **BUT** these repairs are not guaranteed. Money raised by Measure O **taxes** could be applied to any purpose the City Council sees fit, including pensions.

Measure O **new taxes** are not required to be spent locally for Sausalito residents. Sacramento would be prevented from taking these new taxes but the City Council could spend it in ways that don't necessarily benefit resident taxpayers.

While independent audits would track expenditures for the new tax, residents would have to essentially go to court if the Measure O money is misspent.

The City claims the **new tax** is needed to fix problems **which have grown worse under their stewardship**:

- The EPA cited the city for the sewers and drains in 2007; and
- Repairs to streets, sidewalks and parks have been repeatedly deferred to "balance the City budgets"

Join responsible citizens and VOTE NO on Measure O New Taxes.
FORCE THE CITY COUNCIL TO SPEND WITHIN ITS MEANS.

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