

## Rebuttal Argument Against Measure E-20

Our NUMBER ONE PRIORITY is keeping police, fire and paramedic services under local control. There is NO REQUIREMENT to ASSURE THE NEW TAX IS RESERVED for First Responders.

The new tax will NOT BE PLACED into a SPECIAL ACCOUNT for public safety. The City Attorney's Impartial Analysis states the new tax goes into the General Fund, meaning the tax can be SPENT for most ANY PURPOSE except sewer and water.

There is NO SUNSET CLAUSE or ending date is specified. The Measure's title "Local Recovery" implies that at some point this tax should end.

Don't be FOOLED: This tax increase was initiated in 2019 before the COVID-19 crisis.

If there was "tough fiscal accountability," as is suggested, then there is NO NEED TO ASK FOR HIGHER TAXES.

Please vote NO

We need:

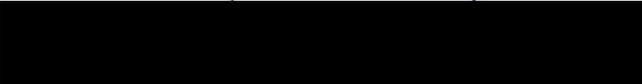
1. CONCRETE CHANGES that make our city financially strong, NOT just TEMPORARY salary reductions, and elimination of PART TIME (umpires, coaches, etc) and PREVIOUSLY unfilled positions.
2. STRICT SPENDING RULES that don't bend but keep the City within budget, not expensive consultants for lofty projects.

Pismo Beach is voting to raise their hotel bed-tax rather than sales tax. Morro Bay should consider a raise in hotel bed-tax, rather than requiring RESIDENTS TO PAY an 8.75% SALES TAX!

MORRO BAY FAMILIES are struggling financially. Through strict spending rules, concrete changes, and raising the hotel bed-tax, the City can PRESERVE OUR POLICE, FIRE, PARAMEDICS, and services like safe roads and clean beaches.

NOT ANOTHER TAX FOR RESIDENTS

  
George Leage, 56-year Businessman, Former City Council Member

  
Ann Reisner, 35-year Private Property Management

  
James Warner, Morro Bay Fire Department (retired)

  
Linda Winters, GSMOL Representative of Mobile Home Owners

  
Barry Barnin, Small Business Owner and Engineer (retired)