

Rebuttal Argument Against Measure B-22

Why should 5,600 property owners bear a tax burden for 800,000 people who annually use the Harbor and Embarcadero?

“Almost no maintenance has occurred since 1989”? Why? What happened to leaseholders being responsible for their lease site revetments, inspected every 5 years?

Where is the Facility Master Plan that says what is needed, when it's needed, and what it will cost?

This tax is not for city salaries. What if the City outsources maintenance and/or other services, won't those salaries be paid?

There are other ways to address harbor infrastructure not mentioned or evaluated. The cause is good--harbor infrastructure--the method is wrong--a special parcel tax. Voters need to know that ALL possibilities have been exhausted before justifying that residents are to be burdened with yet another tax.

What other tax increases? The November 1% sales tax increase, the June 15% garbage rate increase, the July 6% sewer/water rate increase, plus this proposed \$120 parcel tax that increases every year exponentially, but can never catch up.

Are you altering your budget to stay afloat in this pandemic, along with a slowing economy? This tax is an addition to skyrocketing costs of food, gasoline, and housing, at 9% and climbing.

Do you *believe* in more taxes? Do you *want* to pay more taxes? Do you *trust* the City to spend your tax dollars in the most frugal and prudent way? If you answer NO to any of these questions, **vote NO on Measure B-22.**

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