

**CITY OF MENDOTA  
MEASURE H**

**MENDOTA GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX.** To provide additional funding for essential City of Mendota services, including, but not limited to, improving parks and roads, shall the measure establishing the Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax of 1.25%, providing approximately \$493,498 annually until repealed, subject to publicly available annual audits with all funds benefitting Mendota residents, be adopted?

YES

NO

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY**

On July 26, 2022, the City Council of the City of Mendota (the “City”) unanimously adopted Resolution 22-46 to submit Measure H to the voters at a special municipal election consolidated with the statewide general election to be held in the City on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022. Measure H seeks voter approval for the adoption of an ordinance imposing a new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax at a rate of one and one-quarter cent per dollar (1.25%).

The Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would be a “general tax,” meaning revenues it raises would go into the City’s general fund and would be used for any lawful public purpose, including, but not limited to, providing essential City services and improving parks and roads. If approved, Measure H would impose a local tax that would add one and one-quarter cent (1.25%) to the cost of a \$1.00 item purchased in the City beginning on April 1, 2023. The City estimates that the Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would generate approximately \$439,498 in additional revenue annually, but the actual amounts raised will vary depending on retail sales occurring in the City each year.

The Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax would be paid in addition to current sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. By law, all revenues raised by Measure M would belong to the City and could not be taken by, or shared with, the State or any other agency. This proposed tax increase contains no sunset date, and would continue indefinitely until repealed by the voters in a subsequent election.

A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of the new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax at a rate of one and one-quarter cent per dollar (1.25%).

A “no” vote is a vote against the new Mendota General Transactions and Use Tax.

/S John P. Kinsey  
City Attorney

**The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voter’s office at 559-600-8683 or the Mendota City Clerk at 559-655-4298 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H**

Please vote **“YES”** on Measure H to help improve and beautify our community!

With the City of Mendota’s limited financial resources and rapid growth, it is becoming challenging to properly maintain, improve, and expand its services and infrastructure for the benefit of the community. Also, it is oftentimes difficult for the City of Mendota to compete with larger cities for financial resources to fund these crucial items due its size and location. Despite these ongoing difficulties, there continues to be a vital need to expand recreational facilities for Mendota residents and to improve the deteriorating condition of important infrastructure, such as our roads.

Under Measure H, a new General Transactions and Use Tax of 1.25% will be created in the City of Mendota, if approved by the voters. Measure H will generate approximately \$439,498 in additional revenue, with all funds benefitting Mendota residents. The revenue generated by Measure H will be used for providing essential City services and facilities such as improving streets, maintaining parks, and supporting other general services to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of Mendota residents.

Without the approval of Measure H, the City of Mendota will have limited funded and resources to effectively improve and enhance existing services and infrastructure for the community. The approval of Measure H will result in much-needed funds that would go a long way towards enhancing the safety and quality of life of the Mendota community for years to come.

Let's keep the City of Mendota safe, viable, and strong. Vote **"YES"** on Measure H.

/S Rolando Castro, Mayor  
City of Mendota

/S Jesse Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tempore  
City of Mendota

### **REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H**

Everybody has a sob story. Can you hear the violins in the background?

Think about your big taxable purchases. The sales tax you pay when you buy a car is based on where you live, not where you buy it. Under Measure H, if you don't pay sales tax on a taxable purchase, you're still liable for the use tax.

Inflation is already going through the roof. Interest rates are skyrocketing right along with housing prices. Will you be paying through the nose so that "essential" city employees can live high on the hog while you're struggling to put food on the table?

Do you think there's some fat to be cut that doesn't come out of your hide?

IMPROVING PARKS AND ROADS? That's cheating to trick you into thinking it'll be spent on something you support. It's a general tax. Council can spend it on anything, like salaries and pensions.

AUDITS? Audits are already required on all government spending.

The arguments and rebuttals are written by agents of the school bonds cartel. The signers are just tools.

The entire system is rigged to pass taxes. That's not just our opinion. <http://bit.ly/GrandJury2021> <http://bit.ly/ElectionCheating>

Bottom line: Only undecided voters can be persuaded by arguments. 90% don't even read them. Undecideds determine the election. We can't win without your help.

Vote HELL NO! on Measure H (\$21,974,900 forever tax).

Connect here: <http://bit.ly/NoMendotaSalesTax>

/S Honor "Mimi" Robson, Chair  
Libertarian Party of California

/S Kathryn McElroy  
Libertarian Party of California

### **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H**

How much election cheating are you willing to put up with?

What if it's for an allegedly good cause? Does that change your answer?

Do you know all the public officials with duties related to local measure elections? County supervisors, registrar of voters, city attorney, city council that resolves to put measures on the ballots. A lot of public officials, most of them getting salaries you could never dream of.

Are these public officials corrupt? All of them?

Then how do you explain that at every election they all look the other way or point fingers at each other saying that "It's not my job to enforce measure election laws?"

How is it then, that all these public officials, who you pay, combined, millions of dollars a year, have never (never means not once) put a local measure on the ballot that follows the law? <http://bit.ly/GrandJury2021>

The statutes regarding local measure elections apply to every county. How is it that every county, even Fresno, doesn't follow every law, as written? Who benefits? Certainly not you.

It's almost like it's a conspiracy. Because the public officials (city council) who start the ball rolling, violate every meaningful law with the knowledge, apparently, that all the other public officials will go along with their corruption.

There are too many broken laws to mention in 300 words, but you can check it out (<http://bit.ly/ElectionCheating>) for all the gory details.

Bottom line: All the public officials would rather have gullible voters force

taxpayers, including themselves, to send every dollar they dream up to some government agency or another. It's more for them. Less for you.

Are you tired of been taken for a chump? Vote HELL NO! on Measure H (\$21,974,900 forever tax).

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**NO REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST WAS FILED FOR THIS  
MEASURE**