

CITY OF COLTON
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE "___"
1% TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX

On May 4, 2022 the City Council unanimously voted to place Measure "___" on the November 8, 2022 general municipal election ballot. By placing Measure "___" on the ballot, the City complies with Article XIII C of the California Constitution (Proposition 218), which requires a majority of the voters to approve an ordinance which establishes a general tax.

If approved by a majority of Colton voters, this Measure would authorize a one percent (1%) retail transactions and use (sales) tax within the City of Colton. A 1% rate equates to an extra \$1.00 per \$100 purchased. It is estimated that Measure "___" will provide an additional \$9,500,000 in annual local funding that could be used to maintain police patrols, to address homelessness, gang, drug and crime prevention, fire protection, paramedics, 911 emergency response, to maintain senior and youth services, parks, sidewalks, roads, to clean and maintain public areas, and for general government use. This tax would be a "general tax," meaning that revenues raised from the tax would go into the City's general fund to pay for any lawful City program, improvement, or service.

California Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.9 authorizes the City to levy a general transactions and use/sales tax at a rate of one percent (1%) so long as the tax is approved by a majority of the voters voting in an election on that issue. If approved, the tax will remain in effect until ended by Colton voters voting at a subsequent election.

The 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. All revenues raised by the tax would remain in the City and would not be shared with the State, County or any other agency.

A "yes" vote on Measure "___" will authorize the 1% transactions and use (sales) tax.

A "no" vote on Measure "___" will not authorize the 1% transactions and use (sales) tax.

If Measure "___" is not approved, the General Fund will not receive the sales tax revenues identified in the Measure. The City Council will then have to decide, as part of the budgeting process, whether other revenues are available to pay for City programs and services, or whether City programs and services will have to be reduced.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "___". If you desire a copy of the Measure, please call the City's elections official at (909) 370-5001 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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