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Argument In Favor Of Measure O

On November 8, 2016, Rio Vista voters approved the extension of the existing Measure O, a $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent sales tax, with 80.86% voter support. The revenues from Measure O were used to support continued operations of Rio Vista general services; primarily, public safety. Collection of the sales tax continues but unless renewed by Rio Vista voters, will expire March 31, 2022.

Leading the list of services presently being provided through Measure O are paramedic services to Rio Vista residents along with such other critical services as fire, police services, and public works. Especially given the fact that there is no hospital, medical center, nor even a medical doctor in the City, keeping adequate paramedic services in place is vital for ALL Rio Vista residents, especially local seniors and youth. Since this is a RENEWAL, keeping this sales tax in place will NOT increase local taxes; and all funds will remain within the City.

The City of Rio Vista's population continues to grow. Public Safety costs have increased from 52% to 66% of the General Fund budget since 2007; yet, General Fund revenues (excluding Measure O) have decreased 24%. Thanks in part to Measure O funding, the City has been able to add four Fire Fighter positions; however, in order to maintain paramedic services at the current levels, the existing $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent sales tax must remain in place. If this tax is not renewed, Rio Vista will have an approximate \$287,250 deficit for Fiscal Year 2021-22, and an approximate \$1,187,000 deficit in Fiscal Year 2022-23 and it is likely the fire and law enforcement services will be significantly reduced.

City Council urges voters to renew the $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent sales tax for five years.

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