

From: D MCGEE
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:27:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

ITEM 11 STA 02

From: joan mallow
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:27:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not believe a sales tax to fund public transit and roads is appropriate in the midst of a pandemic.

Sincerely,
Joan mallow

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 03

From: karen davies
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:27:38 PM

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Yes, I guess I'd have to vote for it because we need road improvement so badly. But it makes me angry because I thought we already were paying taxes for it.

From: Cliff Williams
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:27:48 PM
Attachments: [cliffwilliams1942.vcf](#)

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Clifford Williams, and I reside in Citrus Heights. This proposal is absurd. Put the money where the vast majority of the problem lies: roads and bridges.

From: Sharleen Garcia
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:28:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We can not afford a sales tax increase amidst a pandemic with so many uncertainties. We pay enough taxes, please use the money we already pay the way it is intended to be applied.

From: hhakimz@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:28:53 PM

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We have to have funds to keep California economy functioning. Transportation is key to functioning of economy. Sales tax (a source of funds) ensures healthy California economy.

Hamid Hakim

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: S Lucas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I support the increase

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan Dilleshaw
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:29:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am opposed to this sales tax, particularly because it subsidizes public transit. I don't even know anyone who uses public transit and don't think that it's even available in my neighborhood.

Furthermore, our taxes will eventually be raised substantially due to the massive debt brought on by the pandemic.

Instead of raising taxes, why not try a new approach and ask employers to provide workers the ability to work from home as much as possible. Not only would that relieve traffic, it would also improve air pollution.

Thank you

Susan Dilleshaw

From: Daniel Klaff
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:29:12 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I can't condone any additional taxes that go toward transportation. If 100% would go to fixing our horrible roads, I would back it.

Dan Klaff

Rancho Murieta

From: Robert Bott
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:29:36 PM

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By implementing another tax increase after tax increases for transients you are showing that you / the government cannot handle money which every intro economics course teaches.

There was already a gas tax to fix roads (which got impermissibly diverted to the unrelated problem of the homeless and you want to increase Sacramento's already high sales tax? No I do not agree. Every incumbant needs to be voted out.

If this is passed I will simply make it a point to do all my shopping in Yolo (which is 2 miles away), Placer or El Dorado.

Sac City Resident
Richard

From: Paul Jacobs
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:29:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support the tax increase to provide more transit in Sacramento County to reduce traffic and abate harmful air emissions.

Paul E. Jacobs

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/paul-e-jacobs-5ba35324/>

Please ignore brevity and any typos as I am sending emails from a mobile device

From: Marilyn Endlich
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) This is no time for a tax increase for road or transportation repairs. County employees salaries should come first.

ITEM 11 STA 13

From: Dawn Wetzel
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more taxes. Try using the \$36 million you have locked up for campaigns and vacations for politicians.

From: John Hasdovic
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

While it is absolutely essential for Sacramento County to recoup losses to help balance its budgets in a post-Corona world, I'm not convinced a sales tax is the right way to go about doing so - as it will hit the poorest of our county and small businesses the hardest. A luxury tax which could target everything from new vehicles (cars, boats, trucks, etc.) to jewelry and consumer electronics (video games, TVs, etc.), a temporary property assessment on homes valued more than a \$250,000, temporarily increasing hotel and flight taxes, or perhaps a local tariff on goods sold in Sacramento that are produced outside the US would, perhaps, be more helpful in this regard.

From: Drew Tomlinson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not support a sales tax increase for any reason whatsoever. We are taxed to death in the county, state, and country. I am sick and tired of government stealing my money when I earn it, when I spend it, and for owning things such as a house, car, etc.! Quit being poor stewards of the tax money you already collect and make it work with what you have, just like we all have to do with our household budgets.

Thank you,

Drew Tomlinson
7823 Claypool Way
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

From: Lisa Shores
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:26 PM

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This is not the time for a tax increase of any kind. Many people are out of work. The cost of many things are increasing dramatically. It is not the time to ask residents of this state for more of their hard earned money.

Please, no increase taxes. It is not the time.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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(,°' (,°' Lisa Shores
Sent from my iPhone

From: Rob Small
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:30:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Robert Small, I live in orangevale and I oppose this sales tax increase. How dare you increase what you take from us citizens during a global pandemic! People are out of work at record numbers, you can not increase sales taxes during this time.

We already pay more taxes in this state than almost every other state in this republic. We have had numerous tax increases to fix transportation. Enough is enough!

From: DenDulk, James
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:32:03 PM

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I will be voting no on a sales tax increase proposal that directs 40% to public transportation. Please fix our roads first and then work on the Grant Line Road expansion next. Finally, then the light rail project to the Airport.

Jim

Jim den Dulk

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From: [Snow, Robert](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:32:46 PM

Honorable Supervisors;

Our taxes in Sacramento are already too high. California recently passed a gas tax. When does it stop? At what point will we focus on the real problem, mismanagement of tax dollars. If municipalities were more cautious with spending, this tax would not be needed. And, is it really needed to begin with? Considering the current state of the economy and the fact that many are out of work, PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUT TAXES!

Robert Snow

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Den Estes
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Stop the taxation. We get promises but we never get our money's worth. I noticed my fuel cost went up but my roads aren't getting any better.

ITEM 11 STA 21

From: Karla Hawe
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:32:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I do not want a sales tax increase. I vote no!

Regards,

Karla Hawe
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Karlata@msn.com

From: Jim Scott
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:33:25 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To our responsible and respected lawmakers,

I know there is a need to pay for improvements and move our society forward, to assist the less fortunate who need public transportation, and provide for the common good.

I also know that your decisions affect your families far into the future. While I do not know the details of the need, I trust that you have made every effort at efficient use of our current taxation, and I hope you are very careful with adding any additional burden to our already collapsing economy.

Best to you,
Jim Scott
916-718-7546
CA H.I.S. Lic 52939SP
<http://www.solar4california.com>

ITEM 11 STA 23

From: Mary Wieg
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:33:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear STA:

I oppose imposing a half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento county to fund mass transit and roads. With so many people out of work, and a global pandemic, this is a poor time to consider such an action. Please vote no on this sales tax increase.

Sincerely,

Mary Wieg

From: J T
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:33:43 PM

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I oppose the the tax increase during this global pandemic.

Best regards,
John

From: copierbob1
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:33:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO NEW TAXES!!!!!!!!!!

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

From: Jon Semingson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:33:58 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am a resident of Orangevale in Sacramento county. I also have a business in Folsom and strongly oppose another tax increase to fund road improvements and public transportation. California citizens and businesses are being taxed to death already and now they the COVID 19 pandemic has hit, we are all already struggling financially. With the projected budget shortfalls across the state, we will likely be facing additional tax increases in the future as well.

We certainly need to find ways to fix our roads and increase public transportation, but a sales tax increase that disproportionately impacts lower income households is not the right answer.

Jon Semingson

Sent from my iPhone

From: Marie Purcell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:35:16 PM

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I oppose an increase in sales tax. Please use the money we have now to fix the roads.

Thank you,

Marie Purcell
Orangevale

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Bob Schultz
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No tax increase of current taxes. Enough is enough. Be wiser with budgeting money like those that don't have the ability to just up their income.

From: Cameron Cenedella
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:35:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a long time resident of a rural area within Sacramento Co, we often are overlooked with any need but all too often sought after when time comes to pay taxes. For years taxes go up and there is typically nothing to show of it. At the same time our rights keep getting eroded. Little ever seems to be done for the actual people of this county, but a lot of Virtue signaling is conducted by the politicians looking to advance their career. The citizens are tired of being the bankroll and after the Over reaction of the current administration in CA in regards to the Covid-19 situation, we do not want to be the bank roll for our govt mismanagement. As this tax most likely will go to shore up the shortfall that has been created by the Governors over reach and the complicit Govt of Sacramento County.

Let use keep our hard earned money. Now is the time for our elected officials to work for the people not bleed them dry.

Cameron Cenedella

From: Mary Ann Goodwin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:35:44 PM

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This is not a time to raise taxes. I ask you to vote NO on any tax increase.(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Dustin Brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:36:30 PM

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I urge the County Board of Supervisors to vote no on the 0.5 cent sales tax increase. The last thing we need during this pandemic is an increase in taxes. Also, as you know sales tax disproportionately hurts the poor and those who are currently out of work. Please vote no on the sales tax increase.

Best regards,
Dustin Brown (Orangevale resident)

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Gary Watts
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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NO MORE TAX INCREASES. You have a lot of nerve trying to push a tax increase when people are out of work, closing their businesses and many more can not pay rent or mortgages. Anyone who thinks this is a good idea needs to have their head examined at once.

But lets digress, the last few tax increases have not done a darn thing to help the average working class person in Sac County. How about actually using the money you already get from us to fix the roads since we all know what King Gavin did with our gas tax....not to mention Gavin has the state in a huge deficient that is getting bigger by the hour and you can bet your @\$\$ he is going to raise our taxes to help claw his way out of the hole caused by his reckless spending habits.

Thank you
Gary Watts
Sacramento County Resident, homeowner, taxpayer and voter

From: pjd5littleleague
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:37:12 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a long time Sacramento County resident I am very disappointed and upset that there is another tax increase being proposed instead of cutting costs and unsuccessful programs. Why should the taxpayers be the ones to shoulder the burden and have more of our hard earned money go towards a wasteful government? Keep your hands out of my pockets.

Sincerely,

Paul Schneider
Carmichael, CA Resident

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Colette Garrison
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am in FAVOR of the sales tax increase.

From: renegade.29@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO TAX INCREASE
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:37:33 PM

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Same old story over and over . . . spend money you don't have but drain the pocketbooks of the residents and then spend more. Put a lid on it, the sooner the better.

Dennis M Bayne
Citrus Heights, CA

From: Joe Lerosé
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) Hell no!!! We do not need another sales tax increase. What we need is to stop spending on things that do not help us tax payers. Stop giving freebees to illegals and criminals that fo not deserve them.

From: Paul Romero
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Two transportation taxes are two too many. A 13 cent gas tax applied with out asking voters was a violation of trust and now you ask for a third transportation tax. No more...now is the time for government to let us live life without you continuing to squeeze the golden goose.

From: Courtney McConnell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:37:43 PM

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DO not raise the tax in Sacramento County! We already are paying millions of dollars for nothing to be done to our roads. STOP the taxation

From: Ricky Girvin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:37:56 PM

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I am writing this email in response to the sales tax increase for Sacramento public transportation. We have been taxed to death already. We already have the highest gas prices in the country and we also already approved a gas tax on the last ballot and I have seen no improvement to the local roads. We're all taking a hit right now and maybe now is the time to take off some of the tax burdens.

ITEM 11 STA 40

From: Yolanda Saladin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:38:02 PM

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I CAN NOT PERSONALLY BE THERE, SO, PLEASE PUBLICLY READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
OUT LOUD INTO THE RECORD

AS A CONSTITUENT, I DON'T WANT MY TAXES RAISED, NOT EVEN FOR HALF A PENNY. MOST
PEOPLE DRIVE, AND WANT THE ROADS FIXED, SO OUR CARS STOP BEING BEATEN TO AN EARLY
GRAVE. I WILL BE PAYING ATTENTION TO SEE HOW YOU VOTE. I AM ON A FIXED INCOME AND
SICK AND TIRED OF BEING TAXED IN THIS STATE. IT'S NO SECRET THAT PLENTY OF MONEY IS
BEING MISMANAGED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TRAIN TO NO WHERE!

Yolanda Saladin
Folsom, CA

From: judyschoer4homes@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:38:24 PM

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Enough is enough! Now is not the time to be trying to get another tax on the residents of Sacramento County. Many are now unemployed or working part time. Yes, the roads are a mess, however, we have been taxed and taxed again under the guise of the funds being used to repair our streets. Folks do not and will not use public transportation until it is safe. No need to put more funds into the pot now. Spend what you have wisely as the taxpayers have to do in their households.

We strongly oppose any more increases to the sales tax.

Judy Schoer and Darrell Schoer

From: Kristi Bagwill
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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We strongly disagree with any sales tax increase!

This proposal directs nearly 40% to public transit and would impose a tax increase during an global pandemic.

Citizens are having a hard enough time surviving right now with business shut down and most not working.

This pandemic has created household deficits that will be felt long after the 'flu' has been contained and people get back to work.

Please seriously consider your actions, especially at a time like this.

Kristi & Ken Bagwill
8315 Palladay Road
Elverta, CA 95626

From: Elmo Banning
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am adamantly opposed to the increase of sales tax, 40% of which is proposed to be used for public transportation. Fix our roads! Driving in Sacramento County is like driving in a third world country.

Elmo Banning – Citrus Heights

From: martiekaye@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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I do not want any additional sales tax in Sacramento county. I have had to take a pay cut due to Covid19 and my cost of living has not changed. Placing additional taxes on citizens during a national crisis is unacceptable. This is the worst possible time to try and put this through.
NO on tax increase!

Ms. Martie Baxter
8221 Dalkeith Way
Antelope, CA 95843

From: Susie Lupinetti
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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We are going broke in this state. We have some of the highest taxes in the country, yet our roads and infrastructure are STILL in disrepair. California elected officials cannot manage the money we already pay! We are Being TAXED TO DEATH! No more taxes!!
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christie Alexander
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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Due to the current financial hardships a lot of people are experiencing from COVID-19 I think a sales tax increase right now would not be good and be harmful for those struggling. I think this should be cancelled or at least postponed.

Sent from my iPhone
Christie Alexander

From: Del Barbray
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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I am opposed to this tax increase especially during this Coronavirus pandemic that we are faced with. I cannot work because of this Coronavirus pandemic and when I am able to go back to work, whenever that will be, I will not be able to afford this tax increase so please **DO NOT** approve this tax increase!!!!

From: Ted DeFazio
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:39:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

More tax money for Sacramento County? Where does it all go? All these promises and no action, similar to Sacramento city.

I say no to new taxes

Ted DeFazio

From: Paul Prudler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:39:39 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not raise our sales taxes.

Paul

Paul Prudler
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From: Bob Kerby
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:39:43 PM

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I am willing to pay taxes when necessary, but the track record of the County Board in the past leaves a lot to be desired, lack of "honesty" is a way to propose taxes for one situation and spend it on another frivolously. So because of that I am opposed. As a true leader once said "we don't have a revenue problem we have a spending problem". I know I can spend my money better than the Board.

Sent from my iPhone

From: STEVE HULLIBARGER
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:39:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I ask you not to pass or enable this action to increase taxes. The timing is terrible, the taxpayers do not need an additional burden on top of the pressures faced in this pandemic. Further, you must use taxes previously authorized by taxpayers to fix the roads. No more boutique projects or politically correct programs. **USE THE MONEY ALREADY ALLOCATED TO YOU!**

Steve Hullibarger
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

From: WENDY ROSELL
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:39:59 PM

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We have had increased taxes before that were supposed to be used to improve our roads, but the money was diverted and used for other things. In the meanwhile our roads continue to deteriorate. In the pandemic, mass public transport has proven to be fatal as seen by the high transmission of the disease in urban areas like San Francisco and New York City.

No! I disagree with a half-cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County.

Respectfully,
Wendy Rosell, Sacramento County native, resident, and taxpayer

From: Douglas Kuhn
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:40:18 PM

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You pick an item people care about and need , then you expand the scope to include other items . Yes I want the roads repaired , how many times do I have to pay for the same projects ? Stop expanding budgets on the backs of the people saying you are going to fix the roads and then do something else . Always roads and schools , we care about them . Do better with the funds you have stop expanding the scope of these taxes .

I will not be voting for this new tax .

Douglas Kuhn

From: hbs13@juno.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:40:25 PM

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We need public transit, and a sales tax increase is an extremely small price to pay. It will ultimately reduce overall costs to individuals as it will result in reduced individual auto costs, as well as reduced road repair costs, not to mention a cleaner environment and reduced auto created deaths. Hurray for public transit!

Howard Spivak
Fair Oaks, CA

From: Shelly Ellis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:40:27 PM

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NO MORE TAXES

Please use responsibly the road taxes currently being collected.

We the public are not a checking account/bank account to be used irresponsibly by lawmakers.

At this point in time most especially stop the madness

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Shelly

From: Debra Bennett
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:40:28 PM

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Why are sale taxes being raised to pay for repairs that we are already paying for at the gas pump. Quit diverting monies.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Eilene Burns
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:40:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) We are tired of having taxes to have something done, only to find out it's been spent on something else, when it was guaranteed to be spent on a particular project, like road repair. Fix our roads first.

From: Noah Bentley
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:41:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It is wrong to increase the transportation tax levy and restrict the way the money can be used. We are now re-learning how rapidly and severely our priorities can change.

I am opposed to this sales tax ordinance.

From: Angela Bauman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:42:18 PM

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This is not the time to increase taxes. I am very much against this.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Steve Galster
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:42:29 PM

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STA

I respectfully request that any new taxes be delayed a minimum of 2 years.
The financial impact of the COVID-19 will not be truly understood for a couple of years.

We should all expect and plan that all tax revenues will be down due to this unprecedented plummet in unemployment, lost wages, and therefore consumer spending. The State is already predicting a deficit. I must assume the County will also experience financial stress also.

This is a time to be frugal!

Thanks for hearing my views.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Patti Schneider
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:43:15 PM

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Please no more taxes. This is not the time.

From: Lisa Greene
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:43:32 PM

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This is a time of stopping. Everyday life as we usually know it has stopped. For some people, work has stopped, schooling has stopped, church attendance and social events and dining out and gym workouts and family gatherings have stopped. For many, income has stopped, either completely or partially.

With all this stopping, it is inconceivable to me that we would try to initiate a new sales tax. People everywhere, including Sacramento County, are wondering, worrying, and waiting. Let's all take a breath and evaluate what our real needs are at every level. We've all learned to adjust to present circumstances, whatever they are for us. I plead with you, as our county government, to do the same - make do with what is there. Don't further tax your constituents' emotions or incomes at this intense time. Thank you.

From: M Lynch
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:43:58 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This is the absolute WORST time to be asking for another tax increase!! Hundreds of thousands of Sacramento County residents are trying to figure out how they're going to pay the rent/mortgage, bills and buy groceries for their families, thanks to the situation we're all facing. Every time citizens are faced with financial hardships, they are mostly told by representatives to suck it up and just tighten their belts a bit. It's time government does the same. We have to make due with what we have, so should the county. What happened to all the revenue collected from the last tax increases? That was supposed to go to road improvements. Sacramento County's roads are just as potholed, cracked and disintegrating as ever and I've yet to see any much needed paving or widening of major thoroughfares. Why not hire someone who knows how to operate on a shoestring budget like the rest of us, instead of milking us every time you've mismanaged revenue.
Just my two cents worth.

Michael Lynch
Citrus Heights

From: John Wallace
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:43:59 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As of last year we completed our visit of all 50 states. With no exceptions, including the back roads of several poor, rural states and the CBDx of our nation's largest cities, California roads are in the worst condition of all in our nation.

Our mass transit usage is less than 6% of the state's transportation utilization. For decades, local and state government have attempted to sell us a product few want, and the mass transportation product we have is inferior to many.

We know that the state has re-directed a large percentage of taxpayer funds earmarked for road repair to the mass transit agenda. As a result, we cannot trust our government to apply funds where promised, needed and desired.

I ask your support to vote NO for this tax increase, UNLESS you can guarantee that 100% of the proceeds will be used for street and road repairs only.

From: Stephen Booth
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:44:35 PM

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I am a resident of Rancho Murieta and work in the central city area of Sacramento. I am completely in favor of the County supporting the bond measure to raise a half cent sales tax for public transit. Sacramento Regional Transit District provides critical transportation options to members of our community with diverse social, economic and geographical orientations. Vital maintenance and expansion priorities demand greater financial investment and stability.

Thank you.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Steve Booth

From: ednak@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:44:59 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I already believe our sales tax is higher than most States. I don't feel the money has been appropriately used that we already pay sales tax on. As a matter of fact a lot of things have been cut. So I do not agree with having another sales tax increase.

Edna C Krack
Elverta, CA

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

From: curtis morton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:45:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No! No! No! on the proposed Tax Increase.

The roads don't get fixed as it is no matter how many times taxes are raised for the repairs.

Curtis Morton No no no on the proposed tax increase the roads don't get fixed as it is no matter how many times the taxes are ready for the repairs

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dominic Cirincione
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:45:07 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) we have enough taxes and are struggling now in California, I say that we don't need any more taxes, we have just been hit with our businesses being shut down due to this pandemic so we need to keep what little money we have. No more taxes!!!

From: Vicky Blackwell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:45:35 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO NEW TAXES! We are just starting to recover from 8 weeks of little or no business. 60% of our employees have been laid off or terminated. Our revenues are down 75%. All our seasonal orders have been canceled and that revenue is lost forever. That revenue is what helps us get through the slower winter months. We have been forced to tighten our belts and I think you, our government, should do the same. Cut back expenses, readjust just like I am!

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE NO NEW TAXES

Regards,

Victoria Blackwell
Concerned Citizen
Widow, Mother, Grandmother
Business, Aba Daba Rents, Vice President
Community Partner

From: Steve Patterson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:45:37 PM

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Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

Please rescind the proposal to implement the transportation sales tax.

The constituents that participate in this already heavily damaged economy due to the "Stay in Place Order" can ill afford the added financial burden.

Please encourage your staff to look at ways to more efficiently spend the funding that is already received.

Additionally, increasing the sales tax during a pandemic wherein the government mandates the shutdown of the economy is absolutely unfair and just adds to the financial suffering of tax payers.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Patterson
President
Patterson Properties, Inc.
2270 Douglas Blvd. Suite 111
Roseville, CA 95661
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Cell: 916-759-7844

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Mark Lawler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:46:07 PM

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It is with concern that I ask this board to pass the sales tax, so long as there is active and stringent oversight on the use of these funds. Our county is in need of a very viable and affordable public transportation but use of these funds must ultimately support the end user.

Thank you for your help.

Mark Lawler

From: Murray, Steve
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:46:26 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

During massive layoffs, business shutdowns and stay at home orders, our representatives want to raise sales taxes?

Why do all of us have to live on a budget, but Sacramento County does not? Is Placer county too far to buy big ticket items?

And when is enough too much? I think the County needs to review where all of the money currently goes, and find the waste and cut that first, before Sacramento, and California loses any more people, and Silicon Valley packs up too.

Steve Murray

CalBRE# 01195233

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Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:46:56 PM

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no sales tax increase'

From: Eileene Schlichting
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:47:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

How heartless and money-grabbing do you have to be; to want to tax people currently unemployed due to government malfeasance in dealing with an OUTBREAK (not epidemic/pandemic as has been labeled)! First take their jobs and then increase their taxes? California prisons will soon be even more overcrowded, because that is where the criminals acting as lawmakers are going. **NO NEW TAXES!**

From: April Beard
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:47:21 PM

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To whom it may concern, Raising the taxes in Sacramento would cause even more of a burden on families and tax payers!! It is going to take years to recover from Covid 19 and to make tax payers pay even more of their unemployment money or hard earned dollars to “fix” the roads seems like terrible timing!! Please reconsider this terrible tax!!! California is already soooo expensive and is quickly chasing families away, adding more taxes would only make families move away even sooner!

Sincerely,
April May

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: George Vinson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:47:31 PM

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STA I'm writing to express my opposition to the 1/2 cent tax raise in Sac County to fund transportation. I'm completely affirmative to increase taxes for roadway infra-structure but too often the money ends up going for other uses. Even this spending is close to 40% public transportation while hardly anyone using it has to pay rider fees. Also every public entity is now using the Chinese Virus as the next crisis to raise tax revenue. I've lost all confidence in the public entities to spend hard earned tax money for the public good. Please budget properly and look deeply inward (asking a lot) to decrease the bureaucracy before asking tax payers to provide more funding.
George Vinson (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Collin Tullius
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The impact we could have on our area, which is lacking in strong, accessible public transportation is well worth the minute proposed sales tax increase.

While I understand some of the additional need for other related transportation costs and the like, increasing the availability, cleanliness, and overall state of public transportation will allow more people to comfortably utilizing it, reducing wear and tear on roads, and contributing to less of a critical need for constant repairs.

From: TOM
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:47:37 PM

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

I Thomas Hay do not approve or want any increase in county sales tax, the ones who have lost there income you are going to ask for more of what they don't have.



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From: onedancinguy@aim.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:48:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We already have massive unemployment and we are not able to afford to buy what we need. Why saddle the public with even more unwanted taxes? Please do your job and do the best with what you already have. I will move out of this state with it's hunger for evermore taxes!

Bob Peterson

From: Kathy Fox
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:48:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Responding to the proposal for a ½ cent tax increase to be applied to local transportation, it seems to me that this is a bit premature given our current emergency Covid-19 pandemic and shelter in place rules. We do not yet know what the county costs of such emergency expenditures are or whether they will be reimbursed by local, state or federal governments. The shelter in place requirement has left multitudes of small businesses out of business and the unemployment numbers have skyrocketed. Although we all hope these situations are temporary, we do not know whether that is the case. The ½ cent tax increase will hit the most vulnerable the hardest. Many of us are barely able to make ends meet with cuts to our income; many will experience bankruptcy. Most of these people are suffering for causes not of their making. By following the governmental imposition of shelter in place, we are losing our businesses, our rights to travel freely and to enjoy our lives. Raising taxes right now is insensitive and adds insult to injury.

This is not a time of business as usual. The proposed tax in a great economy may have made sense. Right now, however, many of us are not experiencing a great economy. At the very least, this proposed tax increase should be put off until our local economy recovers.

Katherine Fox

From: Eileene Schlichting
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Eileene M. Schlichting
Sacramento County Resident/Taxpayer

From: Jana Reyes
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:48:43 PM

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Please stop passing laws and tax increases during a global pandemic. Allow some dust to settle and encourage people to engage in the economy when they can. Raising sale tax is a burden we shouldn't add to an already stressed and strapped population. Now is not time for political agendas, now is the time to get things moving again!

Jana Reyes
Concerned Citizen

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From: Dietler Bennion
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:48:57 PM

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I am concerned about the proposed sales tax increase. We have increased taxes in the past to fix our roads. But where does that money go? I don't see very much improvement in the roads in my community. It seems no money from the general budget, or at least very little of it now goes towards the fixing of our roads. As a voter and member of this community, I am opposed to this new tax increase.

Thank you,
Jim Bennion

From: Mike Giles
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:49:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Ladies & Gentlemen,

There Had Better NOT Be ANY Tax Increase here in Sacramento County, or, really, anywhere in our beleaguered State of California!!!!

We know that Sacramento County has been victimized by our overtly-criminal State Government (which has Stolen Billions of our Valuable tax Dollars, just to "transfer" Our Valuable Tax monies wherever those Buildings full of Bureaucrats "decide to transfer" them, all Behind their Closed Doors)!!!

We've become well aware of these sorts of "money crimes" going on all the way down to local Rec & Park Districts, and to local Water Districts!!!! So, this: "Culture of Plunder of The People" has spread all the way down from our Uber-Corrupt State Government thefts from us, all the way down through our regional, county, city, & local governmental operations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

No State, Sac County, regional governmental operatives, city government, etc, etc employees have lost ONE Dollar amidst all of this Mass-Destruction of our economies, while the rest of us SUFFER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Getting too upset. So, I'll stop now.

Mot Sincerely,

M. Giles

From: chuck mills
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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From: billanefrtz@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:49:19 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To Supervisor Sue Frost.

As a small family owned and operated business here in Sacramento County, NO, I do not want to see an increase in the sales tax. We are already at a "tax" disadvantage and another increase just makes the situation worse.

"Dear Government, at all levels, quit trying to help. You are making things worse."

I would rather see our State find a way to tax the incoming material from "Online" sellers that are out of state. This state and our local communities are losing Millions if not Billions in tax revenue because of the Non-reciprocity between states. This would go a long way to providing the income needed by our communities and provide relief to our local businesses.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

William Lane

From: brad@classicawardsandpromotions.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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No, No, No, No Sales Tax Increases

Thank You,

Brad Liddell, Owner
Classic Awards and Promotions
916 444-8339 Ext. 2

**Please note my new email address:
Brad@ClassicAwardsAndPromotions.com**

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From: Greg Cannon
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:50:10 PM

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I have a better idea. Don't raise taxes, cut spending. The middle class already is fleeing California in record numbers. It's easy to be generous with other people's money when things are going well, but the middle class is what is funding all of this. When money is tight, focus on what is necessary rather than on what signals that you are a good person who cares about others. California already is one of the most expensive tax states, if not the most expensive. Stop spending money on pet projects and non-citizens and do what must be done in order to keep businesses alive and jobs growing.

-Greg Cannon

From: Victor Orr
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:50:30 PM

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My family does not want another tax increase to fix our roads. Haven't we had prior tax increases that addressed our roads and highways. Where did that money go?

Thank you,

Victor Orr

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Don Macmillan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:50:47 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not support any sales tax that is not 100% earmarked directly to fixing the roads and bridges in Sacto County. Other Federal and State funds and grants are available for public transportation.

Don MacMillan
Gold River

From: Deneen Pavon
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Deneen Pavon](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:51:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a registered voter and tax paying citizen in Sacramento County, I urge you to OPPOSE ANY sales tax increase to fund transportation!

Sincerely,
Deneen L. Pavon-Samaniego

From: Brian Johnston
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:51:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The increase in taxes is inappropriate in a time of Covid crisis.

To prioritize the rail system and ignore other infrastructure is as foolish as building a bullet train to nowhere.

Government restraint to proper and appropriate needs instead of boondoggles is what is needed

From: Chris Medeiros
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:52:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

“Christopher D. Medeiros & Carolina A. Medeiros of Antelope are opposed to the proposed half cent increase for transportation since 40% of it is earmarked for public transportation when our roads are still in terrible shape. Thank you.”

Chris Medeiros

In God I Trust

From: Deneen Pavon
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Timothy L Samaniego](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:52:21 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a registered voter and tax paying citizen in Sacramento County, I urge you to OPPOSE ANY sales tax increase to fund transportation!

Sincerely,
Timothy L. Samaniego

From: 1madmaxwell1
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:52:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a former Public Works Director and advocate for the two prior Transportation Tax proposals, I think City and County residents are in no frame of mind to even what to consider any tax increase. Nearly every City and County in California have experienced a tremendous, unprecedented decline in revenues. The State has gone from a positive revenue outlook to multi-billion decline in revenues. Certainly now is not the time to bailout Regional Transit or provide funding for projects that were previously promised.
No New Taxes!!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Brett Thomas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:52:55 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I strongly support the half-cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund a modern and reliable transit system for all residents and visitors.

The focus on transport that serves all is appropriate and will help the greatest number of people.

Brett Thomas,
Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 97

From: Robert DeLisle
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:53:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No more taxes for "transportation". We never get anything but the taxes. Learn to spend the money you have and stop wasting it.

From: Christine Mickelson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:53:55 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No for now on the sales tax issue.

Christine Mickelson

Sent from my iPhone

From: DOROTHY HAEMER
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:53:57 PM

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I do not want to see this tax increase, while transportation is important, money will need to be spent on our current health care crisis. Tax money via gas is already in place for roads. Dorothy Haemer(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: dmhamel
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not increase the sales tax. We, the citizens have been through so much and the last Thing that is needed is to increase expenditures when we are trying to get back on out feet.

Diane Hamel

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Clint
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:21 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I sincerely do not believe that this is the time to even consider adding any new taxes to us in Sacramento County. We really do not need the extra burden right now on top of all of the other State and Federal taxes that will obviously be raining down on us to pay for the trillion dollar plus Covid 19 responses. Please vote this added tax increase (Measure A) down.

Thanks for your service and please be understanding and compassionate during these very trying times.

Clint & Victoria Souza
Rancho Murieta, Ca

ITEM 11 STA 102

From: Quicksilver messenger
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:31 PM

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Now is not the time to increase taxes when so many people are having a difficult time just having an income that meets basic needs. Please table this ordinance for at least one year.

Pamela Mares

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPad

From: Mark Houghton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public comment 5-14-20 ordinance no STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:42 PM

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Please read this out loud so it can be recorded at your meeting, my vote is NO to any tax increase

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Lee Lovallo
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I strongly support the sales tax as proposed, We need more mass transit!

Lee Lovallo
3508 Ridge Rim Ct., Antelope 95843

From: Ted Pendlebury
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:54:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Folks, we have had enough. You take our dollars and spend them on people who have no business being here. You take our tax dollars at the pump and spend on other than the roads that those taxes were intended for, you open this state up to foreigners, declaring it a “sanctuary” state, virtually INVITING any and all who, ILLEGALLY AND WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY, want to take advantage of all that the USA and California have to offer – AT OUR EXPENSE. We have had enough. No more sales taxes, or taxes of any kind until you start using our dollars more wisely.

You want to spend our tax dollars on transportation? Take that recent gas tax increase and spend it on fixing the worst roads in the country, right here in sunny California.

STOP PISSING AWAY OUR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS AND TAKE NO MORE THAN YOU ALREADY TAKE.

Ted Pendlebury
Citrus Heights, CA

From: martha murray
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Susan Peters](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:55:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am opposed to an increase of 0.05 cents sales tax in Sacramento County to fund transportation. I am not in favor of directing approximately 40% to public transit during a global pandemic where money will be scarce and transit operations may be limited to minimize the congregation of personnel. Sacramento County already has high sales taxes and needs to provide a transparent budget to its citizens to enable proper evaluation of where taxes would go. Already, our gas taxes should be going to repair roads and to subsidize public transit. But as we know, the gas taxes are mismanaged and go to the general fund; a recent proposition that was passed increased gas taxes to repair roads, bridges and other transportation measures-I thought public transportation. However, the majority of those funds went to support the high speed rail and the general fund.

No new taxes please at this time.

Martha M. Murray
8407 Donahue Ct
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

From: mark.woollgar@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:55:52 PM

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I am solidly against the tax increase. We have enough pain now.

Mark Woollgar
Carmichael

From: Joshua Bryant
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:56:07 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Increasing any tax during a pandemic is grossly irresponsible and self serving to say the least.

With families struggling to make ends meet and businesses having to make tough decisions, deciding to raise taxes during this time is no more than adding salt to wounds.

I urge you to listen to your conscience, post pone or vote down this tax and not add insult to injury.

Respectfully,
Joshua Bryant
V.P. Element 26 Contracting

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christopher Giasson SSG RET
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:58:03 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It appears that every democrat and even some republicans believe that raising taxes is the only answer to all problems. This is not only asinine, but irresponsible. Especially in the middle of a national pandemic emergency. **NO NEW TAXES!**

Thank you,

Christopher Giasson

ITEM 11 STA 110

From: Darryl
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:58:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I'm against any Sales Tax Increase.

Thank you,

Darryl

ITEM 11 STA 111

From: Susan Vicchio
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:58:29 PM

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I do NOT support increasing our sales tax not during this time of economic hardship for so many people. And NOT ever.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 112

From: Erin brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:58:48 PM

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Do not raise the sales tax!
Erin Brown, Sac County citizen.

Sent from my iPhone

From: MOSES PEREZ
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:59:08 PM

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No we do not want a tax increase.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Moses

From: cathy weiss
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:59:09 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This issue with charging more taxes to fix the roads is becoming almost amusing.

How many times have we been promised road improvements with taxes of one type or another only to find the money has been squandered for something else entirely.

Our roads are in the worst condition I have seen in my lifetime. Not to mention the damages to the suspension of my vehicle.

Sorry I for one will not be led down this path of promises that never come to fruition. Just say No!

Regards,

Cathy Weiss

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stevenson, Gretchen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:59:23 PM

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To whom it may concern:

I do not agree with a half-cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation. We have already been imposed with the gas tax from 2018-2019 by the state which raised our vehicle fees and gas prices. When does the tax gouging stop? Also, shelter costs are increasing faster than wages in Sacramento and California. Let's not forget the pandemic which will cost all of us financially in some way. We need more fiscally responsible spending in government, not mismanagement of our taxes. During this time of high unemployment the half-cent increase is irresponsible.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the concerns that I have submitted to you.

Gretchen Stevenson
County employee and taxpayer.

ITEM 11 STA 116

From: Eugene F Hogan Jr
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:00:07 PM

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Please do not raise the sales tax. California is already a super expensive state to live in. All this will do is make the hard working people leave to a more affordable state and more people, who get free handouts, with out contributing, come in. We need to keep the givers and get rid of the takers.

Thank you,

Denise (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robyn Evans
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:00:31 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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To the Sacramento county Board,

In regards to the upcoming increase of sales tax, As a tax payer and resident of Sacramento county, I am only in favor of the proposed increase if it will be designated to fixing the roads only and not to fund public transportation. It is very frustrating to keep voting to fund road improvements and then the roads do not seem to be repaired.

thank you,
Robyn Evans
Citrus Heights

From: Tom Uksti
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:00:44 PM

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Please DON'T increase the amount county sales tax. Regardless of the purported/intended purpose of said increase, invariably government (the powers that be) will use the funds for whatever purpose they deem more urgent. This has proven to be historically the case. We are taxed enough already. Find the funds elsewhere if you deem it that important.

ease publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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ITEM 11 STA 119

From: [Caton, Jolene](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:01:39 PM

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No new taxes. The money is never used for the intended purpose. This feels like out right theft. NO NEW TAXES!

From: Allen Tsao
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:02:23 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Yes. I support the proposed tax increase for public transportation. Allen Tsao, Sacramento county resident

ITEM 11 STA 121

From: Walt Murry
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:03:32 PM

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No more tax's - people are out of work and struggling to get by during this pandemic! And you want to raise tax's. Ridiculous and totally out of touch with your constituents.

Walt Murry

From: Sharon Taylor
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:03:37 PM

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Dear Supervisors of the County of Sacramento,

This is a terrible and uncertain year to raise any sort of taxes, and especially those goods deemed essential.

Best to wait and reconsider such measures in raising sales tax, not until business is back to normal.

Sharon R. Taylor of Orangevale, Ca..

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Matthew Lockett
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:03:59 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To whom it may concern:

Now is NOT the time to raise taxes on Sacramento County.

Please come up with a new plan that spends more money on our crumbling and poorly maintained roads, and far less money on the public transportation that so few of us use.

Thank you

Matthew Lockett
Concerned resident and taxpayer

From: Valerie Spake
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:04:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sacramento Transportation Committee,

So many are writing from inside their homes, where many have not left unless absolutely necessary because of the pandemic.

This is absolutely the wrong time to raise the sales tax.

Many have lost their jobs, been furloughed, are looking for work or now collecting unemployment, which doesn't cover their bills.

When our unemployment numbers are reduced, businesses doors are open, that would be the time to consider the sales tax increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie

From: lesliejwade@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:04:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO to another transportation tax. Every other year there is another tax proposed to improve roads or transportation ; however, it always gets diverted for the purported purposes not intended but written into the fine print. With all the taxes I have spent over the last 32 years, I would expect to have light rail, bullet trains, and pristine roads everywhere throughout the county – but that is not the case. The money always gets syphoned off for another project or diverted through another piece of legislation.

NO TO ANOTHER TRANSPORTATION TAX.

William H. Wade II, Major General (Retired) United States Army, Adjutant General of California 2005-2010

From: Carole Green
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:04:06 PM

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This is **not the time** to increase the sales tax. Many people are already suffering from a reduced or complete loss of income and this proposed increased cost will just exacerbate the situation.

Please rethink and at least postpone any contemplated sales tax increase until we are closer to normal.

ITEM 11 STA 127

From: Martha Glunt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:04:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We were at a breaking point two months ago. The residents and business of Sacramento County can not possibly take on any more! NO MORE TAXES!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susan Leonard
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:05:52 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not burden the residents of Sacramento County with more burdensome taxes. With the frightening looming budget deficit for the state, more taxes only harm those who are suffering at this time of high unemployment, loss of income and possible loss of a stable residence. Please do not pass this onerous legislation.

Daniel Leonard
Gold River

From: Angelica Lloyd
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:06:09 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

In light of COVID-19, it would be unwise to increase tax burden upon tax payers in the form of a sales tax. Also the transportation plan itself should be evaluated in the context of the global pandemic before going forward with more planning or executing funding measures. I, a taxpayer, haven't seen how the plan has been evaluated in this context, nor seen an examination of the consequences of going forward with increasing a sales tax to fund the measure. I am against the measure until an evaluation of it within the current pandemic context is completed and made public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Angelica Toll Lloyd

From: Jennifer Pierce
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:07:36 PM

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I believe that the Transit Tax should be shelved until the economy is back on it's feet. Many people have been off or out of work for 3-4 months. Now is not the time to increase taxes.

Fixing the roadways while fewer vehicles are on the road is more important right now. Sunrise Blvd is badly in need of repairs, as is Fair Oaks Blvd. Until we can fix what we have already, we shouldn't be adding yet another means to the mix. The Transit Rail should be shelved. It really does not benefit the majority. Perhaps we should study European modes of transportation. Their system seems to work for everyone.

J. Pierce

From: Janet Rutledge
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:07:52 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I definitely oppose a sales tax increase. This should be the vote of the people.

I am a voter from Sacramento County. We continually have our taxes raised and told what those new taxes are going to be used towards. However we do not see our taxes being used as promised.

ITEM 11 STA 132

From: Earl Wallis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:08:06 PM

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From: Edward Codr
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:08:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The public has clearly demonstrated their preference for individual and carpool transportation, and their desire for good quality roadways to drive on. You seem to be deaf and spend nearly half the budget on crowded public transportation that is totally useless during a pandemic, while letting the community roadways fall apart! Please wake up before it's too late, and the people think of you every time they hit a pothole.

From: Bryan Farley
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:08:35 PM

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I say no to the the tax increase

Bryan (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 135

From: Michael Golden
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:09:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To Whom It May Concern,

Stimulus debt and additional taxation? No to any sales tax increase! Governments need to learn to balance budgets, make sound fiscal decisions, and remember that all funds involved belong to the PEOPLE.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Golden

Sent from my iPad

From: pat walters
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:09:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I am opposed to a tax increase. The roads need to be fixed, but a lot of the money isn't going to fix the roads.
Pat Walters
Citrus Heights

From: Dr. Terry Zimmerman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:09:47 PM

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Dear sirs,

I would like to voice my opinion against imposing a higher sales tax rate at this time. Although it is slated to go towards public transportation, this is a time when we need to concentrate on restoring our economy. Since personal consumption is the major driving factor of our nations GDP, further increases to sales tax may inhibit this growth and be detrimental to our recovery. Please do not increase sales tax at this time.

Thank you,
Terry Zimmerman, MD

From: Karen Stripling
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:10:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

With all due respect to the Board of Supervisors:

With everything happening around Covid-19 and the enormous amount of money being spent to help people, it is only reasonable to want to raise taxes.

Unfortunately, we are not on board. Voters let it be known that we wanted our roads repaired due to many years of no repair. Now you want to redirect 40% of the funding for public transportation - ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS!!!!

Take a look around and see how many vehicles are parked in front of Sacramento County homes. There are so many vehicles that there's hardly any space to park. Same with downtown. The public transportation should be more dependable, however it's not and hasn't been for years.

We rode public transportation in Germany 40 years ago and it was awesome. Most people didn't even own cars, they didn't need them. That is not the case here. Trains/streetcars ran every 5 minutes during morning and evening rush hours; every 15-60 minutes the rest of the day for depending on where you were traveling and time of day. The Germans know how to make a great transportation system. We do not have that 40 year old system here in 2020 now.

You continue to build more housing and not upgrade the roads until AFTER the people, Amazon, and others come and pack the roads until we residents are sitting in parked cars on freeways and local roads for way too long.

You need to get it together and spend the funds where we voted for it to go. Diverting the funds is not what we want - do what we elected you to do. We need to recover from the pandemic and be back to work before we consider raising taxes or diverting funds for public transportation. This is what the voters want.

Karen & Kevin Stripling
5744 2nd Street
Rio Linda, CA 95673

From: John Klunder
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:10:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

What is to be gained by a plan that directs 40% of the funds generated by the tax increase towards public transportation when the roads in this county are deplorable and getting worse? And another question is just how that 40% would be spent?

John Klunder
Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 140

From: smfields34@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:11:35 PM

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From: clarence black
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:12:07 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

A sales tax increase should not be imposed upon citizens of Sacramento County in this time of high unemployment.

Sent from my iPhone

From: galmo@surewest.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:12:35 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Don't want the tax increase!!! We are way over taxed now, and the pandemic has cost us too much already!!!

From: Rob Rogers
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:12:41 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) **Do not raise our sales tax!** Our sales tax as well as our overall per capita tax is already among the highest in the nation. We should not be adding to the burden of tax that citizens of this state need to pay. The government of this state needs to learn how to reduce NOW. If you need funds find it by cutting other programs within the existing budget. Part of the funds that can be made available for transportation or any other necessary project should be obtained by cutting any programs that benefit anyone that is not a legal citizen. There are other areas as well, where funds could/should be cut to make room for necessities without increasing our already high taxes. Do not raise our sales tax!

From: Reynolds, Michael J
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:12:43 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support a tax increase, but not across 40yrs. Tax increase should be allocated in chunks of 5-10yrs and then expire to be revisited based on new priorities.

From: Koscheka-2.4
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:14:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Our previous Governor pushed through a sales tax increase of 12 cents per gallon as well as a substantial increase in vehicle registration fees. These funds were promised to make the much needed repairs along our California roadways.

Californians petitioned to have the roadway funding go up to the vote of citizens. The majority voted, prevailing in favor of such fees in exchange for seeing our roads improved.

Californians have seen time and time again tax increases that are just not used as promised. Governor Brown's tax increase is now two years in. Sacramento citizens have not seen any road improvements. Californians must commute to and from work, unfortunately, along poor roads. People live farther from worksites due to other expenses such as housing, etc. Public transportation is just lacking in meeting the needs of our working class people.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, many cities across the nation have realized a dramatic decrease in gas prices. Sacramento citizens as well as all Californians continue to pay exceptionally high gas prices. (Sacramento is still paying 2.79 per gallon).

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's must not allow additional taxes for road improvements. We have voted for such an increase already. Citizens not only know that they would be duped again, but our people are hurting during these uncharted times. California unemployment is at 10%, forecasting as high as 20% in the upcoming weeks.

Please, on behalf of Sacramento citizens, I urge you all to stand up for your constituents and disapprove any further unwarranted tax increase.

Respectfully,

Paul Koscheka
Antelope, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: Howard Whitaker
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:14:01 PM

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I am in favor of the tax increase and the spending plan.

Howard Whitaker, 2041 Campton Circle, Gold River, CA 95670-8301

From: chriskep1@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:14:10 PM

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Regressive, economic transaction-stifling, and essentially non-deductible sales taxes are already too high! Use taxes are much more logical.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Elise Fandrich
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:14:22 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support the Transportation Measure and find it troubling that a member of the Transportation Authority would reach out directly to her constituents asking them to write in opposition to the proposal.

I do not think the proposal goes far enough to fund Transit and present a unified vision that will reduce emissions and improve air quality in the Sacramento region. Our air quality is some of the worst in the country, thanks largely to transportation. The requirement that this measure comply with regional targets to reduce GHG emissions is essential if we are going to avoid the worst effects of the climate crisis.

While I wish this measure directed more funding to Transit, and bike and pedestrian infrastructure, I still support the measure and hope that it passes this fall. Thank you to the Transit Authority's hard work on this issue.

Thank you,

Elise Fandrich

From: LALENA NELSON
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:14:27 PM

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Since the outbreak I have a real concern about any public transportation. The speed train to Bakersfield is the most ridiculous thing we ever did. The voters wanted a train from SF to Sacramento. Let's see SF has international flights, shopping and restaurants; what does Bakersfield offer? The whole idea of a bullet train half way to LA is ridiculous. We need our money to go to the ruts on the freeways. They are extremely hazardous and our money should not be going to a ridiculous bullet train to Bakersfield. I don't think sales tax should be increased we already pay high income tax in California and the Legislature needs to live within a budget that doesn't take our daily needs away from us because big contracts for special interests are going to make millions.

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 150

From: Brian Settlemoir
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:15:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Do not increase taxes at all!

Brian Settlemoir
SCS-President
916-878-8391

From: Jennifer Doll
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: FW: Form Submission - Comments - Transportation Funding/Tax increase
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:16:27 PM

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From: Squarespace <no-reply@squarespace.info>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Form Submission - Comments - Transportation Funding/Tax increase

Name: Roy GRENFELL

Organization:

Email: ROYBUS1@COMCAST.NET

Subject: Transportation Funding/Tax increase

Comment: I would only support this proposal if more funding is allocated for the repair and improvement of the roads throughout the county. Past practice by both the state and local authorities has been to divert those funds for other "pet" projects, and allow the roads to degenerate into even more deplorable disrepair.

RT has blacked out the windows on most buses to disguise the fact that they run nearly empty all to much of the time. In theory mass transit is a good idea, but in practice it is largely underutilized.

I would suggest to the STA and the elected officials that 80% of the funds need to go to mitigating the years of road repair neglect, and 20% is a more reasonable figure to enhance mass transit that is clearly not in demand. Deal with the world that actually exists. Stop throwing money at the one you WISH existed.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard; please listen to those of us who pay the taxes, not to the fantasians.

(Sent via [Sacramento Transportation Authority](#))

From: DM Meyer
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:16:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record). No NEW taxes for ANYTHING. California is always looking to squeeze more money out of those of us that WORK for a living.

Sincerely,
Donna M Meyer

From: Dave Luiz
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:17:11 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We will not be able to tax our way out of bad decisions. Stop making us pay for bad decisions made by small tyrants. You need cash? Stop giving citizen dollars to non- citizens, stop funding the train to nowhere, stop making ridiculous secret billion dollar deals with the country that started a worldwide pandemic. We are watching and no longer asleep to the corruption and motives of our alleged leaders.

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From: Raymond Thill
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:17:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I've been a productive tax paying resident of Sacramento County for almost 20 years now.
I'm not in favor of this new tax proposal - please vote no to raising new taxes.

May our county officials learn to be prudent, wise and more fiscally responsible in the use of taxpayer dollars already providing before asking for more.

I have to tighten my household budget to put scarce resources only where needed. The government should do the same.

Raymond Thill
Antelope, CA 95843

From: Bob Herguth
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:17:18 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am opposed to any increase in sales tax. We are taxed to death. Enough. Stop wasting tax payers money and asking for more. We have already been taxed for so-called transportation funding and it has been squandered as far as I can tell. NO MORE TAXES.... Remember, the government has NO money of its own, only the money of the tax payers. I would think this would give you pause as to how it is spent but time and time again the money does not go where it is supposed to go and the tax payers get screwed.

Sincerely,
Melissa Herguth
95662

From: Marvin Bohall
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:17:48 PM

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Esteemed members of the Sacramento Transportation Authority,

I directly oppose any sales tax increase to fund transportation.

After reviewing the proposal it appears approximately 40% of funds would be directed to public transportation. IE. the bullet train to nowhere.

When will our state government learn to manage tax funds instead of taxing citizens to death to fund special projects? We have already been hoodwinked into tax increases to fund necessary road and infrastructure projects, only to see those projects neglected as funds have been robbed for politicians special projects that line the pockets of their political campaign donors.

Marvin R Bohall

From: Maryanne
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:18:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This is not the time. Too much unknown about economic effect of the pandemic.

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ITEM 11 STA 158

From: slutsik01@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:18:11 PM

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Please don't increase any taxes ! It's already high (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: General Email
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:18:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

There comes a point when government entities need to do what its citizens must do, cut back on spending when there isn't enough money coming in. COVID-19 has hit us hard no thanks to government lack of common sense with this pandemic. Find a way to cut programs or projects like we must do until the economy hopefully improves.

Donald Korock
dlkorock@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joel P.
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:18:38 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I'm against the sales tax increase even though it's just half a cent. I'm an Orangevale resident.

My name is Joel Portnoy
8500 Elm Ave, Orangevale, Ca 95662
916-585-4130

ITEM 11 STA 161

From: tom pera
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:18:59 PM

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You have 12 cents a gallon added to gas prices...use that!

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Fenuki Tupou
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:19:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Taxes are the LAST thing we need right now. Our families are already struggling, I've seen absolutely no roads fixed on my commute to and from work and now you want to impose another tax?! I vehemently oppose this ridiculous tax! Shame on you!

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 163

From: Dean Handy
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:19:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a life-long resident of Folsom & Sacramento County I am strongly against any increase in taxation in the City, the County, or the state.

I vote NO on any increase in taxes.

Sent from my iPhone
Dean Handy
1376 Young Wo Circle
Folsom, CA 95630-2473
Home phone: 919-351-1230

From: Cathie Vail
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:19:16 PM

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No more taxes... many tax increases already aren't used appropriately!! we are giving away too much on welfare.... getting people to pay their own way instead of continuing generation after generation on welfare... gives people little incentive to becoming independent of government handouts!!!(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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From: Denise Horton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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From: FRANK TOLSTICK
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) You have nearly taxed us to death. It appears that you are trying to get more for another pay raise you have not earned or deserve. GET OFF OUR BACKS.

From: Kenneth Hastings
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:19:49 PM

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Why don't we use the new tax to pay off some of the unnecessary debt that our governor has put upon us during this Covid time. I.e. paying illegals unemployment tax, giving people unemployment more than what they were making before they were laid off. The unemployment tax should not in anyway I've been more than what they were previously making at their jobs. There's no reason for them to be going back to work if you can make more money by staying at home. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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ITEM 11 STA 168

From: Ben Milan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:20:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
No sales tax increase!

From: Coppa Shotta
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:20:44 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My wife and I are against any tax increase. Our street has not ever been repaved since original installation in 1977. We have had patch work done to keep it on life support. We pay our taxes and have very little to show for it, especially on our roads. Gas tax, property tax, income tax, now an increase in sales tax!?

You want to spend more money on new buses and other rolling stock but wont fix the roads we already have.

No, please, no more taxes and increase in taxes.

Bryan and Lori Wurth
Orangevale, CA

From: myriadie@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No, I don't like taxes to increase but we have to take our medicine to get better: I think the tax increase of ½ cent is appropriate with 40% going to rail. Yes, we need to modernize our transportation situation to meet the needs of everyone. Yes, love my car but also love to breathe and now during COVID-19, we can see the sky and it is blue again. Too many cars on the road.

Also, it benefits jobs here in Sacramento county, Elk Grove with Siemens.

Jeanne Amato

From: Sonja Wilson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:21:21 PM

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As a long time resident. No more taxes!! There is ow ray of money to carry out projects. Find savings internally.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record). Taxes is one of the top reasons people are fleeing the county and state. Enough is enough. Why should drug addicts get free rent and all the hard working people pay for everyone else?

Me and everyone I know vote for people who reduce taxes. Not raise them.

Who are you working for? The people or the governor?

Sonja

Sent from my iPhone

From: Susie Tinney
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:21:22 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I oppose the increase in sales tax. As a tax payer I am sick of being taxed to death. What happened to tax on gas that was to go to fix the roads? The roads I travel on have not been fixed. Watt Ave has so many pot holes. City comes out fills the hole with asphalt, only for the asphalt to pop out once again. So now the original pot hole is twice the size. I constantly am trying to dodge the holes. We Californians pay so much in taxes as it is. I'm sorry if those in charge are unable to use the monies that has been allocated for projects. That is not our problem. Just so you are clear I oppose any increase in state taxes.

Susan Tinney

ITEM 11 STA 173

From: Joyce Carter
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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From: Douglas Stewart
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:23:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support the proposed measure. We need to invest in our transit infrastructure and systems. It is shortsighted not to do so now. The jobs these improvements will create are needed more than ever. Let's not forget, one person's spending is another person's income.

Thank you,
Doug Stewart
Citrus Heights, CA

From: bob hiltachk
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:24:15 PM

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It is my feeling we are over taxed on every thing. We pay over a \$1.00 a gallon for gas and the money is to go to road repair and I don/t think you can find a stretch of road that you can drive five miles on without a bump. Somehow when we approve a tax like for road repair somehow some of the money goes somewhere else. We have enough money to sue the federal government on everything but can/t fix the roads or cure the homeless problem. It is my feeling if every one in California gave the government all of our pay checks we would still need to give them more. \$500,000.00 per month to rent the Kings arena a building that set vacant for three years now is worth that much. I would think the rent in four months should be enough to buy it. Robert Hiltachk

From: maurine huang
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:24:39 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I have received an email from Sue Frost, who does not represent my district. She advocates for repairing roads. While this is doubtless important, I support the decision to increase public transportation. It is only by providing adequate public transportation and encouraging people to use it that we will be able to decrease the clogged roads and air pollution that have so degraded the Sacramento area, turning us into a distorted replica of the Bay area.

Maurine Huang

From: Paul Frank
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:25:43 PM
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We certainly do not need another increase in the sales tax. When does it stop? That is rhetorical, it has never and will never. It keep moving up by “only a cent or two” here and there. Compound that with what government has allowed to occur with this response to COVID-19. THE LAST THING WE NEED IS A SALES TAX INCREASE. Manage what you have better as all of us must!

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)



Paul Frank
President/CEO



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From: Forrest Allen
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
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Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:26:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We have been in Sacramento County for 47 years and we are very concerned about the condition of our roads and highways in the county, therefore we are in favor of using our tax money to fix our roads and highways first before using it for the STA.

Thank You,

Forrest and Sue Allen

From: Donna Farris
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
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"To the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

"Given the dire economic challenges facing residents as a result of the unprecedented global pandemic, now is not the time to increase taxes for any purpose. Please, help families struggling to make ends meet. I urge you to vote "NO" on the proposed half-cent sales tax increase.

Respectfully,

Donna Farris
Rio Linda Resident

From: jennifer popova
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:27:37 PM

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The citizens of California are taxed to death! I am highly opposed to a state sales tax increase. Period. Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.

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From: Jane
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:27:38 PM

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Please do not burden the taxpayers with any further tax increase.

We are over taxed as it is. Why not actually spend monies in a responsible manner?

Where's the accountability on spent monies to request any further tax increase?

Respectfully opposed,
Jane Stevens

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Steve Infentino
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:27:43 PM

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To those it may concern,

I am opposed to any proposed taxes including a 1/2 cent rise to the sales tax. Our road repairs are supposed to be funded by the extra 50 cents a gallon gas tax that was voted in two or three elections ago. But those funds always seem to go somewhere else. There's always an excuse for why our part of the county gets shortchanged instead of a solution. So I'm left to believe that if a rise in the sales tax is enacted, the generated funds will only get lost somehow or re-allocated for some pet project of some elected official. No thank you. No on the 1/2 cent rise in sales tax.

Steve Infantino

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From: Tim Bartlett
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:30:01 PM

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I will not support a tax increase.

Why? 40% of the tax revenues are spent on underutilized bus, light rail, ie mass transit operations and growth .

Also in general COVID-19 pandemic health 'social distancing' render mass transit almost unworkable. Additionally given economic impact as tax increase is misguided and will fail.

I recommend canceling any/all mass transit with \$'s redirects to road repair.

Tim Bartlett, Antelope

From: Barry Hurff
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:30:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I have been a resident of Sacramento County for over 65 years. I have watched our County grow over those years and watched our transportation infrastructure continually lag behind that growth. Since the loss of control of property tax revenues due to Proposition 13 in 1978 the County has become more & more dependent on sales tax revenue to fund our infrastructure and other needs. Although I would favor a County income tax on very high incomes over 500 thousand a year or a wealth tax on those worth more than 5 million those are not politically possible. However, in lieu of other fund options I do favor a continuations and/or increase in the 1/2 cent sales tax. Given that this is a regressive tax I believe in all fairness the lions share should go to improvements in the lower income areas of the County. It has been my experience both as a resident of the County and during my career as a County employee those in low income areas are the ones hurt the most by regressive taxes but are last to be considered when it comes to infrastructure improvements. Those who are hurt the most by regressive taxes generally get the least amount out of them. It is time for that to change.

Barry Hurff

From: William Skipworth
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:31:28 PM

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I support the one half of 1% increase in sales tax to fund Transportation needs of the county.

Arthur Skipworth Citrus Heights

From: Jon Wells
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:31:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a life long citizen who road public transportation growing up I understand the need to better our services. BUT is this the correct time to raise taxes? many people are having hard times. sales tax is collected on almost everything we buy.

This attempt to raise taxes buy increasing the sales tax is a blatant attempt to circumvent the will if the people and bypass the ability of the citizens to choose on this. In this time of uncertainty do you think this is a smart plan?

I strongly suggest this be tabled and brought up at a later time when the whole world isn't in turmoil.

I could write a lot but this basically tells you what one citizen of Sacramento County thinks.

Jon H. Wells

From: Lawrence Bauman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:32:24 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this matter. As a 40+ year residence of Sacramento County, I haven't seen the county roads in such a poor condition. Under normal conditions I might be in favor of this ordinance. However, this coronavirus pandemic has left so many people out of work and struggling to feed their families and pay their bills. As such, I'm opposed to this ordinance passing during these unprecedented times.

Larry Bauman

From: Raaymakers, James
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:33:11 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not support a sales tax increase for public transportation. Please vote NO.

From: chuck45@att.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:34:36 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

One more reason to move out of California!! 75 years and I'm so ashamed of what this state has become broken!!
And all you can think. of is Tax more who is going pay when we take our money and leave!!!

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 190

From: EDITH TAYLOR
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:35:08 PM

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I favor increasing the sales tax to fund public transit and repair roads.
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: SHERRI
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No new taxes
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:35:32 PM

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No more new taxes. Sorry! Start zero base budgeting like it's done in the real world. I know how governments do it and it's wrong. They call no increase a decrease. That's not real. Learn how to make due. Learn how to supervise better. Pretend it's actually money coming from your own bank account instead of from taxpayers. Do a better job. NO NEW TAXES!

Sherri Silveira
8980 Sonoma Valley Way
Sacramento, CA 95829

Sent from Xfinity Connect App

From: Jeff Richmond
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:36:44 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) to whom it may concern, as a lifelong user of public transit, I support your increase of taxes to use on public transportation. We need to get away from our single car use and encourage people to use public transit more and more for the health of us and the planet. Thank you, Jeff Richmond 10460 El Mercado Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, my phone number is 916-743-5062

From: aleach6
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:37:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My husband and I are AGAINST the sales tax increase. We are retired seniors living on a fixed income, and pay CA taxes on everything: utilities, telephone, electricity, property taxes, income, etc. We are being taxed to death, please no more taxes! Make better use of the huge sums of money you already collect from the people of CA and stop treating us as a cash cow. Adrienne and Don Leach

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Cyndi Smith
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:39:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To the board of Supervisors,

First and foremost let us thank you for giving our opinions on the matter at hand. A few weeks ago, we expressed our concerns about this new tax in an email to Supervisor Sue Frost. The email states :

Good afternoon Sue Frost,

We are writing this email, as we find that the new 1/2 cent sales tax to improve roads is utterly unfair and unnecessary.

As business owners and residents of Citrus Heights we try to look at the numbers. Sacramento County is wanting approximately 8 billion dollars over 40 yrs. to improve roads. So, that comes to 200 million per yr. As we researched this, only on a small scale by the way, We see Citrus Heights only getting 193 million over those 40 yrs., If our calculations are correct, this equates to only 4.8 million per year for our city.

This would be fine if it were for say 10 yrs., but the problem is that in 40 yrs, the city will grow, possibly by double digits in that time, and in say 20 yrs they (Sac County) will need even more money for roads and transportation. Which would mean yet another tax, and we would still be paying the taxes on the last 40 yr tax.

We purpose this. We get roads need fixing, but let's equal this out. We are already paying half cent tax on road improvements, to add yet another half cent, in our book comes to 1cent tax. If it is truly needed then reduce the tax by 1 cent else were, say the gas taxes (which by the way are ridiculous), thusly your not taxing us to death, your simply allocating the funds from else where.

One other note, we do not need a special bus service for Citrus Heights, we have enough transportation services as it is. RT buses, Uber, Lift, etc.. no need for a special bus lane for Citrus Heights. Also, we are happy you stopped the "work for homeless" program. We are sad that you found out the true reality of people on the streets. There are unfortunately things in life you can not fix.

Lastly, We'd like to say that you are doing a wonderful job with this city. Hopefully, you actually get this email, and are willing to share it with your other constituents. These are just our thoughts and opinions. Thank you for listening

Kind Regards,
Marcus and Cyndi
MCSB kitchen cabinets Inc.

This email is still our opinion and thoughts, if you truly do care about your citizens and businesses, We would recommend NOT passing this. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Marcus and Cyndi
MCSB Kitchen Cabinets Inc.

ITEM 11 STA 195

From: Toni Kerber
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:39:32 PM

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I do not want higher taxes.
Thank you for asking.
Toni Kerber

Sent from my iPad

From: John and Sue Ridilla
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:39:56 PM

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We support the tax increase for public transportation.

John and Sue Ridilla
Rio Linda.

From: Donna Reese
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:41:14 PM

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Especially in economic recovery, we will need increased public transportation.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: darian hartsfield
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:41:26 PM

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I do not want my sales tax increased. I am not happy with the way Sacramento County spends my money and don't feel you are due any more of it. Please find a way to better handle your finances - the rest of the people in your county have to do that everyday!
Darian Hartsfield,
Antelope

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: J. Dallosta
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:42:16 PM

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In normal times, which we are not currently in, directing more funds towards public transportation may have sounded like a good idea, but given the current situation I think most people will opt for driving a private vehicle, either alone or in a car pool with people they know. Walking and biking are also good options when possible. I don't see getting on a public bus or rail as safe or desired for a long time to come. Our roads are in absolutely horrible condition and have needed repairs for years. Now would be a great time to do the repair work, we have less traffic due to telecommuting which will continue for many even after the current crisis.

John Dallosta

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: David Seim
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:42:22 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Now is not the time to be increasing any taxes.

ITEM 11 STA 201

From: Lee Ann Sundberg
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:45:25 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

our country has been thru an unbelievable time. Now is not the time for our citizens to have to have increases. We need our county not have increase any taxes. I am sure many who lost their jobs are hurting.

Sent from my iPad

From: msboxx
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:45:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO, NO , NO!

All the monies you have had have not been used according to the needs of our community!
You have even moved monies from other programs to throw down the transportation rabbit hole!

After all our governor has put us through during this "Pandemic" scare, you cannot and should not, expect to be allowed to rob us of another penny more"

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: B Riley
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:45:57 PM

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Hello. My Name is Barbara Riley and I live in Antelope, CA. I absolutely support the tax increase to fund public transportation. Sacramento needs to do a much better job to improve public transportation. Especially in communities that are far from the downtown area- like Antelope. I hate that my community has absolutely no method of public transportation that can get my husband and I to our jobs in the downtown and east Sac areas in under two hours. We spend thousands of dollars in costs related to our commute. THOUSANDS! If we don't do something to improve public transportation, far-flung communities like Antelope, Citrus Heights, and North Highlands will become less and less attractive places to live.

Barbara Riley

From: Terry Bales
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:47:16 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

California at this time cannot withstand any more taxes to its people! We are taxed out. When we do have raised taxes for certain projects, it seems the money always goes for other issues and is added to the general fund.

Sent from my iPad

From: jokidsrit@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:47:35 PM

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NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO INCREASE SALES TAXES FOR TRANSPORTATION!! There are other priorities more important right now.

I do NOT support the increase in sales tax for transportation !!

Joanna McVay

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 206

From: bruce forman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:48:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support sales tax to improve sacramento transportation. This is a most critical measure to improve air quality for our region.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tim
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Hedges, Matt](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:49:01 PM

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I do not support the proposed sales tax increase **especially now with the global pandemic and record unemployment** in addition I do not support the 40% provision going to public transport, if you want to raise the sales tax for road repair and maintenance then don't plan on spending 40% of it on public transport. Our roads are in terrible shape and the state gas tax has had little to no impact on county or city roads so if you want to get the support of most of the residents of Sacramento County you need to mandate that the entire sales tax must be used to repair/replace or improve Sacramento County roads and can't be spent on any other type of project. In addition add a provision that the current Sacramento County budget for road repair can't be reduce or have the funds shifted to other projects not related to repair/replace or improving the County roads.

PS

Take a lesson form the last election results, tax increases and bonds for infrastructure did not pass in most counties. People are tired of paying more and getting less.

Tim Virga

ITEM 11 STA 208

From: Michelle Rose
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:49:13 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Absolutely Insane. People are out of work and trying to make ends meet during this global pandemic and you want to raise taxes. WHAT ARE YOU THINKING.

Sent from my iPhone

From: srodowick@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:51:44 PM

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Board Clerk,

Are you folks nuts! We just approved a 12 cents increase on gasoline. Use those funds along with the regular funding we get from the state and Feds. I realize gas tax revenues are down during the Pandemic but things will get back to normal. Why does Placer County have better roads than Sacramento County? Look at what they are doing and implement some of their best practices.

Also, 1% for Taxpayer oversight? Are you kidding me? Why should we pay to oversee jobs that we already pay people to do? Hold the people accountable that are responsible for this work. Hire enough people to get the job done for the project and when the project is done then they move on. This is done in private business all the time. No need to hire extra permanent people. There might be statutes that regulate this but spending 1% for oversight is dumb and a waste of taxpayers money.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Rodowick 1-916-751-0496
8230 Phasis Ct
Elverta, CA 95626

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 210

From: Richard Vidan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:53:18 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Yes, I want more and better public transit and roads and freeways in a better state of repair. No, I do NOT want a sales tax increase. Numerous studies have conclusively shown that sales taxes disproportionately adversely affect middle and lower income people. A much more just and humane means of paying for much-needed infrastructure repairs would be to enact a significant income tax increase on the wealthy whose tax rates are now at a 75 year historical low.

thank you
Richard Vidan
Orangevale, CA

From: Jim Elliott
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:53:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a resident of over 40 years in this county I am 100% opposed to Ordinance No STA 20-001. This is but another attempt to gain funding for Public Transit not to fix our roads.

James Elliott

From: Angela Lee
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:54:53 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear STA members,

I am against Measure A 2020. CA State has raised 'transportation' taxes over and over, spending the money for other expenditure. Even when the state spends a part of these 'transportation' fund on repairing roads, Los Angeles and Bay area are the main focus. It is necessary for Sacramento County to work with the state to get its roads repaired. In addition, 40% of the proposed fund is for public transit, which also should be funded by the state's fund we are currently paying and will continue to pay year after year. Moreover, raising sales tax (as opposed to gas or mileage-based tax) does not create an incentive for people to be mindful about unnecessary driving. Instead, raising sales tax punishes those, who consciously plans and minimize driving trips.

I would like to urge you to vote against this measure.

Thank you for listening and for serving us, the residents!
--Angela Lee

From: Laura Blake
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:56:21 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

During this pandemic when so many are struggling to pay bills this should not be in discussions. We need to get jobs back and ensure residents of Sac County have a fighting chance without additional fees and taxes. The effects will be long lasting. Please reevaluate how funds are spent rather than making it harder to afford living here.

Please do what is right for

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From: Marilyn Miller
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:56:57 PM

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I do not want a new tac

Marilyn Miller

From: Jerry Camous
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:57:24 PM

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I absolutely oppose any sales tax increase as proposed for road work. The County has sufficient funds if spent appropriately to make the necessary repairs to the roads. Additionally, the State is taxing fuel for the exact same reason, so shouldn't the County as a subdivision of the State get it's fair share of those funds?

If passed, I will make every possible effort to bring a majority of my purchasing out of the county to our neighboring counties.

Respectfully,
A 40 year resident of this county.

From: Patricia Verch
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:57:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) We are already excessively taxed in California. Please do NOT increase our taxes further. In spite of the HUGE gasoline taxes we already pay, I see little or no improvements in our roads. Instead, I would like to see more responsible spending of our money. Thank you!

From: stuyng@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:59:29 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record.

I want to let you know that I do not support a half cent sales tax increase to fund transportation. I am a 38 year resident of Sacramento County.

Freeman Young
8944 Bluff Lane
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

From: Cyn Crowley
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:59:48 PM

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I am against another sales tax increase especially for road repair since we have approved tax for such in the past and it ends up used for something else. Using the money for public transportation and useless trollies is not road repair. Neither are bike lanes which only accommodate a small segment of the population. On a rare occasion, a sports cyclist is using one. Finally, this is no time to be asking for more tax when so many people are hurting financially. Get into the real world. publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 219

From: G. Yoshioka
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:00:45 PM

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I do not support increasing county sales tax at this time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Douglas Veale
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:01:18 PM
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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

May 7, 2020

Gentleman, and Ladies,

Raising taxes is often the only way of solving a problem, at least the Democratic Party seems to subscribe to this theory. During this Pandemic, I am sure that sales are down. This of course reduces the revenue generated for the coffers of Sacramento County, and the State of California. With all of the unemployment, and the number of businesses closed, inactive, or functioning with skeleton crews, I would think the priority would be to returning our economy back into the black, and not in raising taxes. Heck, our roads have been in disrepair for so long, what's another year added to the delay going to represent?

And, speaking of raising taxes for road repair, what has happened to the taxes that were recently imposed on gasoline for this very purpose? Oh yeah, people are not buying gas! Again another fallout from the CORONA Virus. Now I grant that the State mandated tax (and approved by the public) on gasoline, was promoted for the purpose of repairing our roads. But I question whether any of this money will be used for road repair. Revenue is down everywhere, even from gasoline sales. Again, let's get the economy back on the plus side, and maybe then, reconsider raising taxes. For the record, I am not in favor of a sales tax increase.

I reside in Citrus Heights, Sacramento County.

Sincerely, Doug

Douglas S. Veale, CLU[®], ChFC[®]



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From: Lynn Keane
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:02:25 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

California has some of the highest taxes in the country. Sacramento County needs to budget reasonably with the already high sales tax we have. We need to prioritize fixing our crumbling roads that both cars and bikes use. Raising taxes during a pandemic is insanity.

From: Terry
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:03:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more tax increases! Passed gas tax and road maintenance appears not to have been done and Hasn't improved roads. Instead, it appears that money has been spent to improve bike lanes, but, bikes don't contribute any taxes for their improvements.

Also, our representatives seem to think it's better to give tax money to illegal aliens who mostly seem to have cash jobs (untaxed). They appear to send money to their out-of-country relatives and don't contribute to the tax base, but, rather place burdens on our infrastructure. These same representatives should be as concerned or perhaps more so about legal residents.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Joy J
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:03:44 PM

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I am urging a "no" vote on the proposed Sales Tax increase for Sacramento County.

Sincerely,
Joy A. Jarfors

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: James Ricketts
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:04:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I can't afford your generosity. I'm living on Social Security plus what's left from a 401-k that was demolished by the market crash two months ago. I know elite folks such as you with your guaranteed-for-life jobs and overly generous pension plans scoff at my "whining", but I just emptied my savings account to pay your property taxes, so you can maintain your luxurious lifestyles.

Please allow us to recover from the current disaster before cheating another.

ITEM 11 STA 225

From: michelle.lehman@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:04:26 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We don't need another raise in taxes. We need the money to be used more wisely. So many roads are in such poor condition. The money from the last tax was supposed to go to road repair. Seems like now with less people on the roads would be a perfectly time to be reading our roads.

Michelle David Lehman, DRE#00779645
Call/text 916-390-7966
Century21 Select Real Estate, Inc

Sent from my iPhone- please excuse any typos

From: Loretta Schenck
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:05:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I don't think we need another sales tax on anything. The state just nailed us with and additional tax of 12 cents a gallon tax on gasoline under the guise of road repair. We were stupid to fall for that one, weren't we.

Haven't seen any real road repairs, but I have memorized where all the pot holes are in my realm of travel. Let's stop all this excess taxing just spend what we have wisely. Tax, tax, tax really as tired of it as the Corona 19 lock down.

Please update me on what great things you have done for the homeless lately. They too have been swept under the carpet.

ITEM 11 STA 227

From: Dannie-Marie Mitchell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:07:55 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Board Members and Supervisors:

As retired State employee's who commuted daily to downtown Sacramento from Carmichael, We BEG and IMPLORE you to NOT raise our taxes and to NOT spend money on the transportation system!!!

Our roads are CRUMBLING!!!!!!

Thank you,

Jim and DannieMarie Mitchell

5153 Kenneth Ave

Carmichael, CA 95608

Sent from my iPhone

From: JeanetteG
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:08:21 PM

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NO MORE TAXES !! Think what is happening to our grand and great children-- " good bye California"

lets try to live within our means----- 1/4 percent here, a 1/4 percent there again, think about it

the percents keep adding up. Where does it end ? J Galloway

ITEM 11 STA 229

From: Bobbie McCalister
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:08:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am against any tax increase, especially following the pandemic. I believe it would cause a hardship on low income residents.

Sent from my iPhone

From: ppoppler@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:09:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We don't need more taxes. Please fix the roads for the vast majority.

Peter Poppler

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ITEM 11 STA 231

From: Ron Phillips
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:09:30 PM

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No new sales tax increases. Live within your means. NO on all new sales tax proposal.

Ron Phillips
1886 Caversham Way
Folsom, CA 95630

ITEM 11 STA 232

From: Edward Stewart
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:09:34 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Stop the money grab. More taxes on top of all the other taxes is wrong. Be wiser with the money you have. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: ginertiner@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:11:03 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No we do not support a new tax, we are taxed too much. It is hard enough to make ends meet financially.

Philip and Virginia Smyth

4213 Pocono Ct

Fair Oaks CA

From: Shirley Fender
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:11:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) Pass the increase. Our roads are in terrible shape. However, the increase should only be used for roads. Amend the wording to that end. Shirley Fender Orangevale, ca.

From: Dick Floryanowich
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:11:39 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Tax and Spend, Tax and Spend, Tax and Spend.

You people are unbelievable, that's no wonder middle class people are leaving the state more than ever before.

My wife and I both agree that you should not impose any more legislation to tax us more than you have already. In fact what should be done is to look at all of the areas that you are paying out millions of dollars to and either eliminate them or reduce them substantially. In any case, with the current COVID-19 situation, where people are hurting for money because of missing jobs and necessary mandates which cause a decline in living standards: **NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO EVEN CONSIDER THIS – Who is the idiot that ever brought that up?**

My family moved to California in 1952 when there were good jobs for my dad, a beautiful state and great weather and you could have a decent living without being taxed to death. That was then, and now is now.

It has deteriorated to the point where the universities are teaching young people the merits of communism and we have two more problems, **ILLEGAL** immigration and homelessness where the people who are homeless want to stay homeless.

ITEM 11 STA 236

From: Dori
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:12:05 PM

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Please do not increase the sales tax. We have enough financial burdens as it is. Thank you (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPad

From: RON POTTS
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:14:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) We the People of Sacramento County are in NO MOOD for ANY more tax increases, with or without the current pandemic!! We no longer trust Government to wisely use our tax dollars. Cut spending!!!

Ron Potts
916-396-9060

From: Manu S
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:14:49 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am very much concerned about this new tax increase in Sacramento county. We had way to much tax imposed upon us as a state and as a county already.

I pray you hear the voice of the people you represent and vote against this tax increase. Please use the funds we already have for this, like the gas tax.

Thank you.

Manuela Szabo

From: Mike Rutledge
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:16:13 PM

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For the record, I'm against the proposed Sacramento County tax increase. During these difficult times with a huge amount of the workforce out of work and struggling to pay bills, a tax increase adds to the burden. A tax increase is the wrong thing to do, especially during a pandemic that is still playing itself out. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Respectfully yours,
Michael Rutledge

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From: James Parsegian
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:16:38 PM

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As a disabled veteran, I understand the need for the government to raise monies to build and maintain the infrastructure of the county. We have just had a huge gas tax increase by the state which was to fix the roads. However, this money is again spent on other projects, as I understand less than 5% of the population uses mass transit system but the majority of the funds go to this program why? I live in the Antelope area light rail does not service this area, the buss service in the area was not sufficient for me to use, to go to work down when I was employed down town. So in closing if you must raise taxes to fix the roads spend the money on the roads not other things. In closing I can not support another tax increase where the money just goes to pet projects.

James Parsegian

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: ROSEMARY THOMAS
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:17:46 PM

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I am against the increase in Sales Tax. Last year the State had a surplus, use some of that money. People are losing their jobs, not able to go to work with the virus in place. Find another way.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Rosemary Thomas

From: Jyoti Nebhnani
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:18:25 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record

I pay enough taxes! NO to additional taxes.

Reopen our County and City so you can get revenues to deal with these expenses.)

Jyoti Nebhnani

ITEM 11 STA 243

From: flatbedbill03@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:18:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please vote no on STA 20-001, with so many people out of work because of the complications from the covid 19 pandemic we do not need a tax increase. We can reconsider again when the economy get back to normal. Do not cripple us with a tax increase at this time. Thank You

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From: Robert Stowers
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:19:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It has come to my attention that you want to increase a sales tax for transportation that seems to think of the city dweller more than the county. There is no light rail within a reasonable distance from my home so I have to drive on these roads that would even destroy am military vehicle so please put the money where it is most needed and that is on our streets. I have grass growing up thru the asphalt and you are worried about transportation. So should I start send my repair bills to the county to be paid since you don't want to fix roads?

Thank you

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ITEM 11 STA 245

From: Susan Garofalo
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:20:09 PM

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I do not want a sales tax increase.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bob Jackson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:20:56 PM

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I'm not sure why we are devoting so much to transportation when we need our roads and highways repaired. I would vote to spend the lion share to repair our roads.

Lloyd Jackson

109 Burnt Creek Way, Folsom, CA



Virus-free. www.avg.com

From: David Von Aspern
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:21:38 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear BOS & STA members,

This year, 2020, amidst Covid19, is the absolute incorrect timeframe to propose a tax increase.

Please do not proceed with this undertaking until at least one year from now.

Thank you,
David Von Aspern
3009 Funston Dr
Sacramento, CA 95833

Sent from my iPad

From: Richard Newey
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:22:23 PM

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Enough is enough! How many taxes are we expected to pay. Every time there is new tax to pay for infrastructure and road improvements etc. it gets siphoned away .

We need to live within our means as a county just like we have to do personally.

NO MORE TAXES!!!!!!!

Rich Newey

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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From: Curtis Brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:26:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I DO NOT AGREE WITH A NEW SALES TAX.

Rev. Kenneth "Curtis" Brown Jr. MSW
916-529-6230
Sent from my iPad

From: Matsonian
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:27:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

At this time of National (and Local) Crisis, it would seem to be fiscally irresponsible to impose a new tax upon the struggling people of this community.

I have my personal opinions about the validity and necessity of this tax, but that is for another conversation at another time. Today we have a different struggle on our hands and the conversation should be focused there.

As a business owner in Rancho Cordova and a resident of Fair Oaks, I strongly urge you to consider what this burden will do to our neighbors, our friends and the community you have all pledged to serve.

Thank you,

Matson Breakey

From: M Wood
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:29:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, Sacramento, California
Dear Madams & Sirs,

This is NO time to put any TAX on the **people of California, County of Sacramento or the City of Sacramento.**

With ALL the people out of work or trying to deal with their own financial problems HOW could you ever think this was a valid idea.

My vote is NO & yours should be too.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Warren F. Taylor
11662 Gold Country Blvd.
Gold River, CA 95670

From: Noreen Ayala
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:30:57 PM

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Please do not increase the sales tax.

Noreen Ayala
Orangevale, CA

From: johnsears@folsomlakeford.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: marshal.crossan@folsomchevy.com
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:31:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

On behalf of the Folsom Auto Mall Dealers Association (FAMDA) I want it known that the FAMDA is AGAINST the proposed increase of the Sacramento County Sales Tax which will effect our business in a negative fashion.

John Sears
General Manager
Folsom Auto Mall Dealers Association

From: shirley sojka
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:32:22 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am tired of saying NO to tax increases and have the people, who work for me, ignore my request.

- Now is NOT the time to increase taxes. People are NOT working and you want to tax them. Something is wrong with you and your way of thinking.
- We, the people, are already being overtaxed. This tax money is supposed to go to road repair, but it isn't, and you want more.
- Perhaps now is the time to replace you with people who live in the real world because, it is obvious, you don't.
- Listen to us NOW. Stop asking us repeated to approve new taxes.
- Tell us what you, our elected people, what are you going to do for us WITHOUT a tax increase.

More residents will leave the state because we have the worst roads, highest taxes, and elected people who do NOT listen. When the middle class leaves, who are you going to tax? Those on welfare? Those who are homeless? Maybe the rich will be happy to hear they will carry 100% of the tax burden because everyone else left the state. Get uour heads out if the clouds and make our tax dollars work for us.

ITEM 11 STA 255

From: Tom Morris
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:32:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I find that all the tax increases that are ear marked for roads never gets there. I have lived at my home for 32 years in Rio Linda and have seen so much redirected, not used for the intended purpose and plain waste of our road taxes. Elkhorn Blvd was 2 lane county road when I moved here, it was converted to 4 lane divided Blvd. and has been dug up for sewer installation, residential & public projects and has deteriorated into a condition worse than gravel road. Unless YOUR proposed tax hike is used 100% for repair and replace our roads I would vote NO.

Respectively yours

Tom Morris, 6232 Dry Creek RD. Rio Linda CA.

ITEM 11 STA 256

From: GUS GALLEGOS
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:33:43 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)I am in favor of making changes to make public transportation safe in this time of CD-19.

If this means additional taxes, so be it. Dying is NOT the cost of doing business.

Sent from my iPad

From: Paul Keefer
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:38:43 PM

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Economists from the Hoover Institute and other respected institutions all agree no taxes is the fastest way out of the pandemic recession that we find ourselves. The notion of taxing citizens as talks of rolling back payroll taxes nationally is irresponsible and short-sighted. Please promote growth through industry and our consumer buying power. Protect our consumers and their buying power by not taxing their hard earned income. If we actually realize 18% unemployment this taxation is right out of the 1970's playbook of low growth / no growth.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Cindy Conn
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:39:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I am thinking that the unemployment rate is astronomical...a good portion of the population is getting some sort of government assistance and now you want to up the sales tax to help fund road repairs?? NOW? I. dont argue the 1/2. © hike, but your timing sucks. Do this AFTER the economy has a chance to rebound... Please consider the big picture...thank you for your time.

From: Joseph Egger
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email: Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:40:27 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Public transit is inadequate in this county. For that reason I am in favor of the adoption of Measure A Ordinance (including Transportation Expenditure Plan).

Joseph Egger
Fair Oaks, CA

From: Matt Friedman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email: Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:40:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Firstly, I would like to thank Supervisor Sue Frost for encouraging and expediting public participation in this vital discussion.

Secondly, I fully support the extension and increase to the sales tax for transportation projects. Sales taxes by their nature are regressive and place a harder burden on those of lesser income. Therefore it is crucial that the projects funded by this proposal benefit those who bear the greatest burden.

Thirdly, I support and encourage this board to maintain a full embrace of multimodal solutions. The outcome and long term implications of the COVID-19 virus are unknown, but an un-nuanced and emotive response to the virus possibly motivated by a fear of public or shared-ride transportation would be counterproductive. We do need to make safe, maintain and enhance all of our local transportation infrastructure including roads, transit, bike facilities, and pedestrian facilities. The concept of Complete Streets encourages the inclusion of users of all modes and users of all abilities. The commitment to these concepts and goals should not waiver. To that end, I encourage the consideration of extending light rail across the river to Natomas and to the airport. The potential for new housing and employment centers along that corridor makes it a logical location for multi-modal transportation investment.

As a frequent user of the American River Parkway, I fully support maintaining and enhancing that beautiful asset. It serves both recreational and commute needs. Its presence encourages non-motorized work commuting that in turn reduces demands on roadways and decreases congestion and subsequent air pollution. Recreational use encourages healthy lifestyle choices and greater levels of exercise and fitness. This decreases health care costs and costs to businesses due to loss of productivity.

Matt Friedman, MRP

From: W Haar
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:40:58 PM

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What kind of moron would vote for aa tax increase to repair roads, when we implemented a \$.125 increase two years ago and little to nothing has happened to improve OUR roads. You the supervisors see fit to tell we the people you are going to do one thing and then when you have the money in hand, divert it to do what will get you a vote. I live in the Madison/Greenback corridor.. Both roads are thruways to more affluent areas that have fine roads while are continue to decay and your solution is MORE MONEY. That seems to be your answer to everything. Maybe less welfare more work would solve more problems.

From: Christian Tupou
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:40:59 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No taxes. Nobody takes the bus. They Uber. Streets haven't changed since the last couple times we voted to increase taxes for Transportation.

We can make do without the accessories. We need essentials.

From: Ava Lemert
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:41:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more new taxes, don't you have enough of our money? Where did the last tax for transportation go? I certainly do NOT see my neighborhood roads getting better. No to mention that our work has stopped, income for me, personally as a "stage 4 phase" business might mean that my clients never come back, thus this could be the final straw towards bankruptcy, and probably, leaving this formerly Golden State of my birth, sadly.

Stop bleeding us dry, the middle class, hard-working essential CITIZENS of Citrus Heights, Sacramento County, California!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Ava Lemert



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From: JAMES ZIELINSKI
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:41:33 PM

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**NO SALES TAX INCREASE, IT'S BAD FOR RETIRED
PEOPLE ON A FIXED INCOME. NEVER, NEVER.**

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 265

From: Maggi Schubert
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:41:36 PM
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[ATT00003.htm](#)

Hello,

I am a resident of the Vineyard area, and I am publicly stating that I am AGAINST a sales tax increase. We are taxed to death already in this state and county, and we get very little in return.

Please VOTE AGAINST A SALES TAX INCREASE.

Thank you

Margaret Schubert
9045 Leland Ave
Sacramento, CA 95829

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 266

From: allen conwell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:42:24 PM

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No more new taxes to just be wasted, being conservative & practicing budget management is a better idea Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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From: Dan Leonard
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:43:47 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please don't increase our already high taxes...it's too much now with the existing health and employment issues. Vote NO!!

Susan Leonard
Gold River, CA

From: Jeanette Fenton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:44:07 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We already spend too much on taxes yet government continues to overspend while we, the taxpayers, are cutting back and being rigorous on keeping costs down. We BUDGET!

Instead of spending more, how about seeing how you can spend less and also get better prices to do the work that is vital.

Please cut the public transportation expansion entirely. Concentrate on repairs and maintenance only. See if you can get better prices for even that. Be looking at how you can cut costs, not spend more.

Especially with all going on with the economy right now this is NOT the time to raise spending and taxes.

Please do not raise our taxes.

Respectfully,

Jeanette Fenton
taxpayer

From: Patty Wolff
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:44:48 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I am against this increase of sales tax. California the state with most taxes on a gallon of gas and everything else. Some how, the roads and so many other things still are not fixed. No More!

From: Darrel Huckabay
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:49:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am in favor of reconstructing of arterials as proposed by the County of Sacramento and the City of Folsom. Unfortunately as the measure also proposes to fund two new interchanges on Hwy 50 and improvements to the light rail system between Hazel Avenue and Old Town Folsom **I will not be voting in favor of the tax measure.** The two new interchanges in the City of Folsom will only lead to increased congestion on Hwy 50. In addition the cost of construction of the interchanges along with needed capacity enhancements to Hwy 50 should be fully covered by those developing the properties to the south of Hwy 50. Reducing the interval for light rail service to Old Town Folsom will only increase congestion during commute hours on Folsom Blvd from Hwy 50 to the American River. In addition it will be necessary to construct addition parking facilities to serve the increased light rail ridership should the demand be there for more frequent service.

Darrel Huckabay
709 Cascara Drive
Folsom, CA 95630

From: Judy Robinson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:49:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear STA Board Members,

I reside within the County of Sacramento boundaries and appreciate the time and great effort you, our local governments and our community members have put in to creating this plan. I am asking you to revise or deny the plan in it's present form, until it includes and addresses the following:

1. Removal of all funding for the Southeast Connector. This project will benefit some county residents and many out of county residents, but mostly this project will be growth inducing. It benefits mostly the new developments that will add and compound suburban sprawl and poor air quality that is already detrimental to our quality of life. If it's so important let the Developers pay for it before all the new homes and businesses are built.
2. \$63 million is not nearly enough for the American River Parkway. This amount needs to at least be doubled if we are going to preserve, maintain and protect this amazing gem. It undergoes an extremely high volume of use and funding for not just trail maintenance but taking care of the habitat is very necessary. This amount of funding is woefully inadequate.
3. Where are the social justice and equity expenditure policies that should accompany implementation? Why are there so few Sac County projects in South Sacramento? Why is Fruitridge Road not on the project list for needed pedestrian and other mobility projects? These and many other areas in our disadvantaged communities have high need for pedestrian and bicycle and landscaping projects. I see no discussion whatsoever in prioritizing these areas of our communities to bring these roads and public right of ways up to par with other areas of the county. Even in areas of Arden-Arcade complete streets and speed management programs need to be implemented to accommodate the large amount of immigrants that make their homes in Sacramento, and are forced to walk and bike to access needed services. An equity lens in prioritizing projects is critical if where going to truly address our transportation and mobility needs.
4. Why is the Dry Creek Parkway not on the list? With the popularity of the American River Parkway, another developed parkway needs to be provided to take the burden off ARP. Dry Creek Parkway already connects many north Sacramento communities but many don't feel that it's safe, because it's not maintained and key connections are missing.

A plan of this scope needs to look at the present and the future and factor in the human being element and quality of life. These projects also need to be designed and built in a way to address multiple problems and sustain us for decades to come. While GHG reductions are mentioned there's not nearly enough emphasis placed on urban greening and heat island reduction programs that should be mandatory in all projects. For these reasons and more I ask

that this plan be modified to reflect the concerns addressed or not approved. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Judy Robinson

personal email: RobinsonJu364@gmail.com

From: Jenni Roberts
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:50:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To whom it may concern,

I am against any further sales tax increases as I have seen very little done with the current increases that we have had over the years.

Additionally, I feel that there is still a lot of gross fiscal waste within the government that needs to be addressed. I have read about many of the programs that failed because of mismanagement of funds or mismanagement of programs. I think the government needs to get it together and better manage the funds they already have coming.

Also, cutting services to the most vulnerable and cutting jobs are not options. The governments need to find ways to make cuts without touching the necessary programs that benefit the most vulnerable populous as well as those citizens working in government that aren't making a huge paycheck. I see more benefits extended to those with higher salaries than to those who do the most work and are paid less. I have also experienced what it feels like to be vulnerable, thus relying on programs that would help people in my former position while watching them get snatched away while useless programs and administrative costs continue to swallow up our taxpayer dollars.

Additionally, our roads are in terrible disrepair. I've lived here almost 13 years and I've seen very little done to improve the roads that we paid so much in tax dollars to improve. Not to mention, my property taxes have more than doubled since I moved here 13 years ago. I understand that different bonds and measures attached to our property taxes were supposed to help with all that. I also understand the loss of revenue from less sales tax coming in, but we've been promised sales tax reductions from "temporary" sales tax increases and I don't remember ever seeing sales tax moved back to where it had started before the "temporary" increase. I see the same for bond measures that were supposed to only "temporarily" increase our residential property taxes.

I remember, as a child, when California state sales tax was 6.5%. Now, in the Bay Area where I grew up, it hovers around 10% or 11% in some municipalities. That is almost double what I remember it being when I was a child. In our region, 8% to 9% seems to be the norm. This is ridiculous!

Therefore, I stand firm at a big, fat "NO" on any increase in sales tax.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Roberts
Antelope

From: Bernadine Hancock
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:52:54 PM

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I don't believe an increase right now is a good move. Use what you are already collecting to fund your needed project.(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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From: WALTER BORLAND
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:55:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support the sales tax increase for transportation. As a large metropolitan area it is important that the Sacramento Region keep the roads in good repair and also better develop public transit.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Borland
2114 Roaring Camp Drive
Gold River, CA 95670
916-955-6267

From: Edward SCHULZ
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:56:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We are already paying too much in taxes and I thought that was what the increase in the gas tax was for. No to more taxes, especially with what is going on right now!

From: Mark Carlson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:56:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) and Sacramento County board:

I object to and oppose any additional taxes.

How many times can you continue to take advantage of people without any remorse for the poor management that has been and is? We are in a time of crisis due to the coronavirus situation, which now has become nothing more than a political tool for the Democrats to use.

Many people, legal citizens of California have lost jobs and are scrambling to make ends meet. Many will enter into bankruptcy...many will not be able to pay their current bills. Yet, instead of having any sympathy for us (the people who pay your salaries), you continue to tax us! What is wrong with you...seriously?

I would request that you put a hold on everything right now, and even take a major pay cut just to show the public you are working with them...not against them.

I live in Orangevale, which means I'm stuck dealing with the county with whatever left-over scraps you throw our way. I noticed on your proposal that you might only get to two roads in our city....Oak Ave. and Greenback Ave. at Hazel. There are plenty of other streets in need of aggressive repairs over pretending to do something better at these other two major intersections.

My last comment is that it is absolutely sickening to see how you all waste money. It's unjust and wrong. I'm sure this is going to fall on deaf ears anyways, as that's how it has always been over there. However, be aware...in the not so distant future, the People will rise up and take action against all of you. The days of negligence and waste are coming to an end. Stop being pathetic and start acting like real Americans...serving your country and our cities. It's disgraceful.

Mark Carlson
Orangevale resident

From: dragonman989
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:57:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I feel that we cannot currently afford a raise in sales tax under these current situations. With unemployment at an all time high, this would be onerous to almost every household.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8+.

From: June Baines
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:58:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I vote for No tax increase while we are in a pandemic state in this county.

June Baines
1720 Creekside Ln, #916
Folsom, CA 95630

ITEM 11 STA 279

From: john.hightoweriii@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:58:43 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No increase in taxes.
Cut spending!!!!

From: Lynne Sperry
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:59:29 PM

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The community's post-Corona virus needs are not determined yet. We do know that business practices, personal finances, social practices and transportation choices are all in the process of changing. With so much change coming, coupled with declining financial resources, this is not the right time to be adding taxes - especially earmarked taxes.

Lynne Sperry
Folsom, CA

From: Nocalbob
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:00:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) This is not the year for a tax increase. Lord knows how high taxes will be to repay the COVID-19 debt. The state is saying they are \$54 billion in the hole and we aren't done yet. We have kids not going to school, not going to proms, not playing baseball or softball or running track where they might get noticed and awarded an athletic scholarship. Gov. Newsom is saying no pro sports until a vaccine is available so stadiums will be empty, construction bonds won't be paid, high priced talent will be relegated to everyday employment at plebeian wages. Now is not the time for new taxes on our citizens. Beg our Federal government since they seem to print money whenever they feel the need

Sincerely,
Bob Reisig

From: M
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:02:14 PM

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I am writing to Strongly OPPOSE the Measure A Transportation Expenditure plan. We are financially devastated by being shut down due to Covid and Governor's orders. We cannot afford any increased taxes or spending.

I am against spending on regional parks and American River Parkway as they don't benefit me at this time. Please do not force this extra tax on us now when we are financially unstable.

Mary Dowling

From: sskz@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:03:26 PM

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This is not the time to be placing an additional financial burden on the people of Sacramento County. Furthermore to have 40% of this proposed tax go towards public transit is unthinkable, if we have learned anything it is to keep your distance from others, especially strangers. Since I expect ridership will continue to decrease from the already low numbers any investment would be wasting resources. We can't afford what we can't afford , accept this and find a more prudent way to accomplish what you want.

Susan Hackett

From: RJ Bob Lee
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:05:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
A Tax increase in Sacramento County is a terrible Idea... I see this a
another Greedy Move of the Politician of California & Sacramento County
Included. People are not working, difficulty keep a roof over their heads
and food table, and Politicians want to load more tax burden on the People
of Sacramento County... If the people of Sacramento County have to tighten
their financial belts, then Sacramento County should it also, there are
projects needing to be done (Road Repairs) from the last tax increase that
was supposed done, and Street lights we pay taxes for them and 40+ years The
poles are here and still no street lights (a safety Issue). Has this money
been reallocated to other projects? Thank you

From: James Koppert
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:05:27 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please reconsider the increase of sales tax. The LAST thing we need now is higher taxes on any level. Perhaps the time has come to engage in a serious review of the Counties pension policies and show the wisdom necessary to end some of the loopholes and manipulation being used on a far to regular basis to sweeten the pensions of mid and upper management employees across the system at the expense of a already over burdened citizenry...

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 286

From: Rick
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:10:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am posed to a tax increase at this time of the impact of the virus on all citizens and businesses

From: Charlady08
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:11:44 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a retired single woman on a single income I don't feel there needs to be a higher tax. I am tired of my brother teasing me about California taxes. I love California & its wonderful weather but even when we pay more taxes roads never get fixed properly. Where oh where does the money go? Charlene Michelson Folsom Ca.

From: ali brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:12:51 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The biggest issue with "more" taxes, besides paying more & (now in thesees trougbled times) is that they never go where we need them most, or were informed they would be applied. We vote in, and our concerns are dismissed. Whenever asked, what our major concerns are, it always comes up "the condition of our roads", and damage to our vehicles. Public Transit? Recycle some of those old buses and street cars,and use that money towards public transit in our local areas. Don't send our monies down south or for a super transit. We need our roads fixed with the monies we already voted to go there, that was confiscated to go to other projects.

From: mmhall1025@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:12:56 PM

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I am writing to express my strong support for the above referenced ordinance. I particularly appreciate the fact that 40% of the funding will go to public transportation. During this global pandemic, the working poor and unemployed poor rely even more on public transportation to get them to a job, medical appointment, grocery store, or other vital service. Available, affordable transportation may even be the difference between access a Coronavirus test.

The ½ cent sales tax increase is small potatoes, particularly now as gas prices have fallen to \$2/gallon or less. Yes, they will go back up at some point, but it will be a while. Until then, even with that tax increase, we will be paying a less for gas than we were 6 months ago (when our payment lined the pockets of corporate shareholders; at least now, something positive comes from our purchase).

Thank you for considering this critical public safety ordinance.

Regards,
Mary Hall
Orangevale, CA

From: Ron Givens
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:17:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I urge all to vote NO on all tax increases!

I am a 31 year resident of Sacramento County and I have seen this county mis-spend, over tax, under deliver on over promises in virtually every way. The fiscal problems faced by Sacramento County are NOT revenue problems, they are spending addicted political problems that taking more of hard working taxpayer's money won't solve.

The homelessness, poor roads, lack of basic maintenance on public property and the ongoing neglect of sound spending policy driven by political goals have become a Sacramento County problem led by a statewide pandemic of gross mismanagement of public funds as evidenced by the actions of the state legislature and poor examples set by those who have sworn an oath to represent us but rather reap political capital at taxpayer expense. Enough!!

I am favor of fiscal management with the overly generous resources provided by the sweat of We the People with a reminder that you, elected representatives, work for us, not that we work for you!

I'd you want public transportation dollars, raise the rates for those that use those services and quit expecting the rest of us to foot the bill!

Just say NO to anymore taxes!

Most Sincerely,

Ron Givens
Sacramento, CA 95826
31 year resident of Sacramento County

ITEM 11 STA 291

From: Jamie Lewis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:17:38 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I strongly oppose the sales tax increase which would primarily fund public transportation. I live in Orangevale which has always had limited public transportation and therefore use my vehicle to commute. Our roads need repair immediately. The damage to personal vehicles due to pot holes is out of hand and downright dangerous. Instead of dumping our tax dollars into new programs and studies why not start by fixing what is broke.

Thank you
Jamie Lewis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Duncan Allen
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:19:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sacramento transportation authority,

I strongly oppose any tax increase to the citizens of Sacramento County. We are taxed so heavily in California that many are leaving the state and my wife and I are thinking seriously about the same.

Thank you, Duncan Allen

Antelope California

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 293

From: Sue Rauzy
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:19:49 PM

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Please do not raise taxes! (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) We're seniors on fixed income, please!
Sue Rauzy

Sent from my iPad

From: Robert M. Lee, Jr.
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:21:08 PM

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Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record: I disagree with the proposed tax.

Sincerely,

Robert M Lee Jr
Folsom, CA

From: M Doyle
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:22:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I'm against this half-cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation.

I live in Folsom. My sales tax is 7.75%. I want our local streets repaired before increasing the sales tax for public transit.

Mark Doyle
Folsom

From: GREG REINARTS
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:25:32 PM

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My family votes "NO" on any new tax, the governments past promises have been lies and deception at best, and after 4 taxes towards roads we still drive on terrible, unsafe and vehicle damaging roads. The money always gets put into mostly non roads uses, and expensive items like Light Rail which has passengers mostly early morning and 5 pm, but operates every half hour transporting nearly empty cars at extremely high cost. The absolute reality of life is cars are not going away. A train cannot take a parent to their daycare, to the doctor or many other places. Parents face penalties if they are late picking up their children from day care. If there's an accident on Light Rail the entire line shuts down. Buses often run late, all are problems for people being late to work or late to pick up children. Cars will always be the answer, people have to live by their own individual needs and time constraints. The vast bulk of fuel taxes and other taxes and fees should be spent on roads not other mass transit projects as the bulk of society uses cars and will continue to use cars. So until the day comes that people feel the government can be trusted to spend the money where it rightly should be, and by the bulk of the people paying those taxes and fees I have to say no to any new taxes, the track record shows that we will not get what we pay for. If you want to see the grandest example of all time government deception and waste just look at high speed rail. Bloated, over budget, behind construction deadlines, lack of funding, zero private funding, it's the exact example of a misuse of taxpayer funds on a Boulder Dam size scale. Wish we could give support but the track record is so bad it can't be justified.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: John Schuff
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:27:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)Ranc

I am opposed to any increase in any taxes or fees for any reason, but especially this new sales tax and the uses proposed.

Thank you

John W. Schuff
11122 Gingerwood Way
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

ITEM 11 STA 298

From: Jesse Fuller
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:27:58 PM

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Please do not increase sales tax. This is not the right time when most people are struggling financially. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Pam Brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:28:59 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear STA,
Under these difficult times I do not want a increase in our sales tax.

We our under so much stress just to keep our household budget for our monthly current bills. We are already stretched way to thin and there are alot of folks that are unemployed, Their health, a roof over their head and food on the table is especially important on this difficult time.

Please understand and care for the people of Sacramento CA.

Sincerely,
Pam Brown
pbrown7733@gmail.com

ITEM 11 STA 300

From: lew williams
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:31:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

In this current situation as families are struggling with job loss. And illness, how can you possibly even think about this tax increase. We vote no for any tax increase. Sincerely, Lew and Nancy Williams

Sent from my iPad

From: kathryn zeka
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:32:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I don't think this pandemic time is the time to raise taxes because of the deficit now we need to reassess what we're doing here

ITEM 11 STA 302

From: Stephen Maneely
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:35:14 PM

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you need to learn to control your spending. we are overtaxed. no more taking from us. trim your budget or restructure staffing. re-examine programs and find out where the money is leaking. this is not the way.

ITEM 11 STA 303

From: Katherine O'Boyle
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:38:20 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

We already pay very high taxes here and adding more is just making life more difficult for everyone. Putting more money into public transit is also a good way to rapidly spread viruses also, as we have just seen with New York.

Katherine O'Boyle

ITEM 11 STA 304

From: rust.craig@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:38:58 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Now is not the time to raise already high taxes and spend money.... I suggest to you that we have an expensive virus to recover from.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Juanita Howell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:40:47 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear board thank you for listening to these public statements.

1. I am a local bookkeeper serving many industries in the area. I assist my clients with calculating and collecting sales tax and prepare numerous sales tax returns on a quarterly basis. These constant sales tax changes are a nightmare for everyone involved with programming software, getting the information out about the changes and the sales tax returns. I don't believe those initiating sales tax changes ever consider the small businesses collecting it.
2. The majority of people who would be paying this additional sales tax do not use public transportation. That cost needs to be incurred by those that use it. As far as the roads.... we have excellent roads in this county. I used to live in the desert, now those were bad roads!!!

From: James Simpson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:41:48 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA),

This is not the time to increase sales taxes in Sacramento County!

I am a 27-year resident of Sacramento County. My wife and I raised our four children here and availed ourselves of the high quality educational system available for their Primary and Secondary educations.

We have utilized the freeways and light-rail to access jobs, entertainment, sports venues, government offices, and courts in Sacramento.

We know the extent of changes and growth that have occurred in the region since 1993.

We experience the condition of those transportation facilities as well as the local thoroughfares and streets.

While infrastructure and public transit need is manifest we do not believe that additional taxes are suitable for funding at this time.

Please consider these points:

- We are in the middle of a world-wide pandemic which is having catastrophic effects on lives and economies. Including preventing people from personally participate in this matter!
- People are out of work and a significant number will remain so for the foreseeable future. They cannot afford their rent and mortgages and have no discretionary income to make significant non-essential purchases; let alone an increase in sales tax on those purchases.
- The local economy does not need additional disincentives (higher taxes) to making purchases from local businesses and rebuilding the economy.

It is very likely that the Federal government will need to implement a type of "New Deal" plan to pump money into the states for rebuilding and supporting infrastructure and creation of jobs to counter the pandemic. That will likely be another opportunity for funding.

As much as we can make this clear - this is not the time for a sales tax increase.

Sincerely,
Jim and Carolyn Simpson
Orangevale, CA

From: Dave Bendt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:41:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We are currently in the middle of a ten year low in fuel expenses. I find it rather illogical to believe that this could have been planned into the last budget request. So, there should be an excess left in that category unless it has been spent elsewhere already. We keep adding a half percent here and a quarter percent there raising expenses to all of the citizens and we all know that once in place it will never go away. We also know that to pay the massive expenses of the current covid-19, that we are going to have to provide the funds for that.

Maybe we should consider some priorities in our finances? What is more important these days? Remember also that it is highly probable we might have a second wave of the virus. I believe we should be preparing for it rather than expending limited funds on a shiny new bus for me to ride to the ER when it comes.

ITEM 11 STA 308

From: Art and Nancy Greilich
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:42:55 PM

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No more tax increases we have some of the highs taxes in the contry. Learn how to spend wisly..
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Russ Rheams
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:44:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am adamantly opposed to your sales tax increase for “roads”, first because 40% is going to public transit which is not being used heavily enough. That is similar to the state using the 12 cent/ gallon “road” tax for the bullet train even though the governor said it’s not feasible. Oh, yes, it’s also being wasted on homeless housing with no requirements against drugs.

Also, a new tax could not come at a worse time with so many hurting from COVID-19. Fortunately, gas is only \$1.00 higher than most of the country (which is less of a difference than it usually does),so people can drive to Roseville to shop.

If you would use tax money for what you say you will, I would back this because I agree we have Some of the worst roads in the country. However, government throughout this state has seen fit to levy taxes for a specific purpose only to use the revenue for pet projects instead. This has proven true so many times in the past, especially concerning infrastructure.

Russ Rheams
9001 Clarissa Drive
Orangevale

From: Erica Blankenbehler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:45:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a citizen of Sacramento Country I have already been paying taxes and fees for years that were supposed to fix our roads. If those funds have been mismanaged, then that is what needs to be addressed to recover them. This is not a time for higher taxes. Many, including myself, have lost our jobs due to the pandemic. We're just trying to make ends meet and the thought of yet another tax or fee increase sounds outrageous and cruel.

Thank you for your time,
Erica Blankenbehler

From: Ray Robitaille
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:46:55 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please, no additional taxes allocated to transportation until you can account for monies already earmarked and how it is/was spent.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray and Marilyn Robitaille

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: suzanne guthrie
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:48:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sirs, while I support road repairs AND alternative transportation, and in January would have written in support, this is not the time to impose additional taxes. I certainly would not vote for a tax increase, or even a new extension when you will certainly be looking to cut services with the present and immediate future loss of income from Covid. We citizens are appreciative that you do have this opportunity to prevent laying additional burdens on us.
Suzanne Guthrie, Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 313

From: Tom's Email
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:49:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I oppose this measure.

Respectfully,

Tom Williams

From: ethx22@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:49:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

At least 50% should go to public transit, but I think it should be higher...the only way we can get a handle on road repair and environmental costs is to fund public transit to the point that it is faster, more reliable and better than cars!

I don't use public transit because it is too time consuming...if we had a better infrastructure, I'd much prefer to use it!

Dr. Roberta Springer Loewy

From: Jo K
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:50:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I 100% support this plan. Sacramento needs usable public transit and we desperately need to repair our crumbling infrastructure.

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Jo Kasler Jo.Kasler@gmail.com

From: Starr Reimer
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:52:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not increase taxes. With many of us suffering with job loss, loss of small businesses and income, it's Unfathomable that the county would even consider this. It's bad enough, that we are enduring this pandemic and the county wants to add more taxes to us hostages!

Thank you,
Starr Reimer

From: pwandgmpalmer@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:53:03 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As retired senior citizens on a very fixed income, **we do not want any TAX INCREASE added to our debt.**

Phill & Geri Palmer
Rancho Murieta, CA

ITEM 11 STA 318

From: Marlene Bohannon
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:53:51 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please do not increase our sales tax. People are having a hard enough time paying for their needs now. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 319

From: James Paine
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:54:55 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I absolutely oppose this tax increase. We already have to many taxes and every time you say you are going to fix the roads you lie. This hurts people on fixed income so why are you hurting the elderly with this tax.

From: LESLIE SAPP
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:57:58 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sacramento Co. Board

Please do not vote for an increase in our sales tax. We already have some of the highest taxes here in California and it seems to never be enough. Our elected officials seem to never have enough money to provide the services government was meant to. Every year we vote another tax or bond measure to solve a problem, which it never seems to accomplish. Please do not burden the taxpayers of our county with higher taxes. The issue of public transportation, and whether it is needed or should be funded by government, is another discussion.

Thank You

David Sapp

Orangevale, Ca.

From: Jennifer Brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:59:31 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I understand that money is needed to fund your projects, however this is not the time to be asking citizens to cough up additional taxes. We continue to be in the state of flux with many people unable to work due to the “shelter in place” request and the circumstance of the virus that has put us all at risk and altered our lifestyle. Your request is poorly timed.

Jennifer Brown

ITEM 11 STA 322

From: Debbie
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:00:23 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Vote NO on a sales tax increase. Aside from the current devastating economic conditions, your proposal of only 40% for FIXING OUR ROADS is ludicrously low.

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 323

From: Salguod Hebrew
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:01:12 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No more taxes. You are irresponsible with our hard earned money.

Live within your means, we have to.

From: Stanley Folfas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:01:20 PM

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this is not the time to increase the sales tax
stan

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: James Wagner
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:01:52 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I fully support the tax increase. I leave it to our elected officials if this is the right time or if there are more pressing needs, but a half cent is a small price to pay to live in a first class community. I'd also like to see adjustments made to Prop 13 restrictions on taxes. That could go a long way to helping the homeless situation here, which affects COVID19 and many other issues. Sincerely, James Wagner

From: Allison Flower
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:02:57 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not raise our sales taxes at this time. I wouldn't mind paying more if 80 percent of the funds were being allocated to fixing the roads.

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

From: ter
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:09:49 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) Please do not raise the sales tax. We do not need more taxes at this time. We already get enough taxes for our roads. Perhaps if you used ALL the money you have gotten for roads on ROADS we would have good roads. You could also recycle plastic and use it to make roads. Other countries use recycled plastic and build roads with it.

From: Max Nedorezov
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:12:53 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I believe my money should go into fixing the roads. What's the point of funding public transit if it rides on dangerous roads? None.

Don't increase my taxes until you can use the already increased taxes towards actually fixing the roads.

Thanks,
Max.

ITEM 11 STA 329

From: Dana Cravens
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:13:21 PM

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Despite the need for local road repair, I support focusing on increasing public transportation funding. It is unrealistic to believe that continuing to support private vehicle traffic over mass transit is responsible.

thank you, Dana Cravens

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 330

From: Alfred Simas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:13:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We have more than enough taxes to pay times are tough especially for seniors such as I am enough is enough please

Sent from my iPhone

From: 52mike
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:15:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This bill was originally to fix our roads. Now with the roads going to hell and people losing there jobs. I really do not think if the transit is taking almost half it will not pass

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S10+.

From: Lord Darth Rageous
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:20:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO MORE TAX INCREASES of a-n-y kind!!!
you people continue taking precious dollars from the pockets of poorer communities including SENIORS!!!

REVERSE COURSE, ELIMINATE YOUR PROPOSED TAX INCREASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

sincerely,

ben collier-mccoy,
retired/disabled.
citrus heights, ca.

From: Judy Jenn
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:21:11 PM

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No more taxes!!!!!! No more sales taxes!!!!!! I disagree with how you budget "our" money currently. Stop paying for illegal people who reside here. Stop paying for people who move from all over the United States to get our California freebies. Stop the sanctuary city insanity. STOP!!!!!! Go home and fight the Covid 19. Many of your new laws just make a bigger mess out of things. Go home!!!!

From: [Brown, Edgar](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:24:10 PM

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Good afternoon Clerk of the Board,

Let our business open up with safety in mind for all.

Get rid of Ex-Governor Newsom....

Thank you

From: "t"
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:26:13 PM

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In this terrible time a tax increase is absolutely not appropriate. We need reduction in taxes, not a new additional tax. Linda Swofford Carmichael (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record).

From: Patty Gray
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:27:49 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Thanks to my County Supervisor, Sue Frost, for facilitating this email, including the insertion of the instruction above.

I strongly support the idea of a half-cent tax increase to raise funds for public transport. I understand from my County Supervisor that only 40% of this revenue will go to public transit - I wish that a far higher percentage would go to public transit. I first moved to Sacramento in 1969, and although I spent many years away before returning, my family has always been here, and I have watched the city grow exponentially. My husband and I recently bought a house, and we could not afford to buy one near his workplace (UC Davis), so he suffers from a long commute morning and evening. He would love to use public transportation to get to work, but the available options would take much longer and be much more expensive than driving. I am a freelancer working from my home, and I would love to use public transportation to travel for errands and entertainment, rather than having to drive. In order to improve quality of life for Sacramento residents, as well as to mitigate the effects of global warming, Sacramento needs to invest in significant improvements to its public transportation system. Please allow me to pay a half-cent more in sales tax to facilitate this.

Thank for for your service,

Patty A. Gray
7660 Capricorn Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

From: Janice Oliver-Iraci
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:28:50 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am in support of this ordinance - IF it is used properly. It seems that almost every election there is a proposal to take better care of our roads, BUT, we seem never to quite hit the mark. I would like to see better oversight of these programs.

Thank you,

Mrs. Janice Oliver-Iraci
Citrus Heights resident

ITEM 11 STA 338

From: Kathy Hobson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:30:44 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Implementing a sales tax increase when so many people are suffering financially due to the pandemic is unnecessary and punitive. Please do not proceed with this action. Thank you.

Katherine Hobson
Citrus Heights

Sent from my iPad

From: doug hoffman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:34:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We have had enough tax increases here in California, enough is enough.

From: Michele Rodina
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:37:00 PM

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I oppose the proposed sales tax increase. This is not an appropriate time to impose any new taxes when the majority of citizens are not able to work, or have had their work hours greatly reduced. Many small businesses will go bankrupt during this time. I am personally hoping my 34 year old business will survive.

I also think it is inappropriate to go forward with this proposal while citizens cannot appear in person to voice their opinions, and phone conversations are almost impossible due to reduced staff and staff hours.

Please vote no on the sales tax increase.

Michele Rodina
3512 Driver Way
Antelope, CA 95843

From: matt dungman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:41:12 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Len Steckler and I am opposed to this ordinance. Many of us are struggling to keep a roof over our heads and put food on the table. This is not the time for this ordinance.

From: Pastoral
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:43:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We in Sacramento County have been dealt with tax increase after tax increase, being promised the money will go to fix roads, infrastructure, and more. Instead, much of it is diverted to pet projects such as tunnels and trains.

Grow up, do what you promised with what we have given you already, cut the fat and the flimsy excuses. You either don't realize or don't care how silly and scheming you look in your fishbowl.

Enough is enough,

Pastor Mike Rodgers

ITEM 11 STA 343

From: Chuck Cole
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:49:45 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please, no more taxes. I am on a fixed income and these ever escalating taxes and going to force me out into the street. I seriously doubt anyone knows where all the money is going.

Sent from my iPad

From: snips37@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:49:53 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

How can you even think of a tax increase when so many people are struggling to make ends meet due to the Corona virus. Thousands don't have the money to pay their bills now.

ITEM 11 STA 345

From: Ruben Mesa
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:51:22 PM

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NO MORE TAXES

ITEM 11 STA 346

From: Germaine Lopes
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:56:32 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

When is anyone going to spend the tax money we already voted for to fix the roads? They are in the worst shape ever! Never before have I seen all or most roads this bad in California. Come drive on Madison Ave., Greenback Lane, Winding Way in Sacramento County out around Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, etc., just to name a few.

Now someone wants to raise sales tax by a half cent. Public transit is important but the needs of public roads should come first. They have been overlooked for too long and filling the cracks in the road with tar or oil or whatever they spray into them does not fix the roads!

Many roads are just plain dangerous to drive on! Public transportation uses these roads too.
Just fix the roads!

Germaine Lopes
7900 Via Roma Drive
Fair Oaks, CA. 95628

From: Betsy Graves Mahan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Opposition to Adding Measure A to November 2020 Ballot
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:58:04 PM

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Dear Clerk of the STA Board:

Please read my comments into the record at the May 14 Board Meeting

I am a voter and taxpayer, living in a rural southeastern community in Sacramento County. I request that all members of the Authority Board be informed of my opposition to adding a new Measure A tax to the November 2020 ballot.

While I understand there are projects that need to be implemented, the timing for a tax increase could not be worse.

I'm not opposed to the plan because none of these projects benefit my community - we have no bus service or light rail, our roads are narrow with a multitude of accidents, and our pot holes are deep. I oppose this tax increase because I know that taxpayers cannot afford one more expense now as we come out of the COVID-19 economic and health crisis. I oppose this because the additional tax will make Sacramento County one of the highest taxing counties in the nation, hurting consumers and businesses attempting to recover.

If you place this measure on the ballot, the public employee unions will surely put their millions toward it's passage, just as they did to support the additional gas tax in 2018. They will again misinform voters by saying bridges are falling, roads need repairs, and traffic needs to be reduced. But your plan does little to remedy the issues that most voters care about - fixing and adding roads. The bulk of the funds in your plan will go toward mass transit that will be used by a small percentage of the population.

My family has had to tighten our purse strings and prioritize spending because of the current economic climate. I ask your Board to do the same.

Thank you for considering my request to vote NO.

Betsy Mahan

From: Ray Menebroker
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:03:20 PM

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My name is Raymond Menebroker and I strongly disapprove of the proposed tax increase. I just as strongly feel that roads are in terrible shape and need to be repaired. The voters have approved taxes in the past and I have not seen corresponding improvement in roads. I also realize there are miles and miles of roads in this State that need repair. The problem is that millions, even billions of tax dollar have been redirected to transit, mass transit and the crazy waste on money high speed rail. While working for the State I personally witnessed where State gas tax money, by law required to be used for highway and bridge construction and maintenance, was diverted from the Motor Vehicle Account (used by Cal Trans for road construction and maintenance) to unrelated agencies to replace general fund monies that could be used for non vehicle related activities. That's when Sacramento lost the proposed beltway around the city. I have heard many people say they do not oppose taxes for highway improvement but they don't trust those in charge to use those tax dollars solely for road improvement. Ladies and gentlemen you have a credibility problem.

From: Eric Taylor
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:04:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am opposed to this tax increase on the basis of the recent road tax that was supposed to go to roads only was appropriated to other things. we cannot trust that this tax increase will go to what the county says it will go to. until the county can rebuild trust I say no new taxes.

Eric Taylor

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 350

From: riolindarena@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:08:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more tax increase!!! Why would anyone OK more tax increase to a bureaucracy who can't seem to spend the money they are allotted correctly!!!

From: Ron Ellington
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:08:13 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

no new taxes!! no new taxes!!no new taxes!! no new taxes!!

make due with what you have and stop wasting money!!!!!!

ITEM 11 STA 352

From: Ray Griffith
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:12:23 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Vote no on the tax increase

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 353

From: Teresa McTernan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:24:28 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This is not the time to add an extra tax burden on the people of Sacramento County.

I do not support this ordinance.

Sincerely,
Teresa McTernan

Sent from my iPad

From: R Sanchez
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:25:00 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) Now is not the time for a Tax Hike! How about better money management with the budget you have. We had a tax increase That was supposed to fix our roads and that didn't happen and now you want to do another tax increase and give 40% to the transit. There will be less people using Transit since we have to use social distancing more people will be in their on cars which means we should put more money on the roads and fixing them. Please listen to the constituents and not the people who line your pockets

From: katy blackman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:25:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This proposed sales tax increase is another ploy to extort money from Sacramento County residents. We don't even have public transportation in Orangevale any longer! Why should we in this unincorporated area of the county fund public transportation when its not even available to the public?

Fix the pot hole in front of my house! Pave the crumbling streets. Do something that all of us can see and use and appreciate.

Katy McGuire
Orangevale, California

From: Nick Castillo
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:29:27 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I Nick Castillo do NOT want a tax increase. I have a family of six, and I am struggling to feed them and pay my bills.

I vote NO on tax increase.

ITEM 11 STA 357

From: Gini Alexander
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:30:10 PM

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I(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I am not in favor of an increase in sales tax at this time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dan Mitchell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:30:16 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hello Board,

I am a lifetime 50 year old Sacramento County resident. I am not in favor of an additional road improvement tax, mainly due to the dismal and dishonest application of the infamous gas tax we already pay for road improvement, and nothing meaningful has been done.

My family of 4 drivers in 2018-2019 suffered 8 windshield impacts all on northbound SR-99 between Florin road and Fruitridge road. The road surface is and has been in extremely poor repair.

Sincerely,

Daniel Mitchell, Sr.
Sacramento County resident and tax payer

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Joan Kuhtz
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:31:18 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As always, we don't need another tax. We vote for money to be spent on roads and it gets spent of something else. With the pandemic and people's money stretch to the max, this tax needs to be abandoned.

In reviewing the proposal, I don't see a fair distribution of monies to the cities and unincorporated areas. I live in Citrus Heights. I don't want to fix Elk Grove or Sacramento City roads. They appear to getting the bulk of the tax dollars in this proposal. Isn't it possible for the cities to decide when and how much tax they want to collect to fix the roads?

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

ITEM 11 STA 360

From: Debbie Ballard
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:36:18 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We DO NOT need higher taxes, period. Especially at this time where the economy is down and people are not doing well. We already pay incredibly high taxes on our fuel that does not help the condition of our roads at all since it is sidelined for different projects. So extra high taxes, especially one where 40% goes to public transportation and not our poor roads is ridiculous.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Lorie Rheams
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:40:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am appalled! Fix the roads. You keep flinging money every which way but where it is most needed. Do your job. Do what the people want instead of your favorite charities! Enough. If I ran my business the way you do, I would have been bankrupt years ago. Now is not the time to saddle more debt on already overwhelmed people. Just because you have a cushy job doesn't mean the rest of us do. We have bills to pay. Between the virus and the downturn of the market, seniors are already on the brink of despair.

Lorie Rheams
Orangevale

Sent from my iPad

From: EEd Stanley
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:44:03 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do appreciate having roads to drive on and sidewalks to walk on. I know that our taxes need to fund these things that so many take for granted.

I am not against funding these things. What I want is for a change to the "big pot" theory. If I vote for funds to repair our roads then that money should go into an account that is used solely for that purpose. The same for transportation, schools, and all of the other public shared commodities.

Too often it goes for special projects that politicians (and yes you included) select, for grossly overpaid public employees, and for waste. there is more than enough money in this country to properly fund our joint needs. It just needs to be managed better.

Now is not the time for increasing taxes on the middle and lower income Americans. We have paid our fair share. I have paid my fair share. Now it is time for ALL Americans to pay their fair share.

Mary Stanley

From: Bill
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan 2021-2061
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:44:03 PM
Importance: High

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Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001

The Transportation Maintenance, Safety, and Congestion Relief Act –

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3. What I have seen is they come in 98% of the time take up part of the road surface where they can put down a (I will use the words a small amount of new paving. This last about 3 to 4 months. The street will begin to have cracks in it or a small hole will appear. Just waiting for some rain and a lot of traffic. BINGO A POT HOLE.

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William M. Leggett

Retired 1SG

U.S. Army

From: Patricia Degler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:45:56 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The vote of four adult citizens in this household, want to go on record as opposing the sales tax increase. And further oppose 40% being taken by public transit system. We have many more pressing needs.

In these "pandemic times" (loss of savings, loss of earnings) none of us can afford a tax increase.

From: James Phillips
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:46:06 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not support Ordinance No. STA 20-001. We are taxed enough! How much MORE do you need? It will never end, MORE will never be enough! You are going to drive me out of this state! Many of my friends have already left and ask me why I am still living here! Stop this now!

From: a mike
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:51:35 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

In April 2017 Governor Jerry Brown signed a law raising our gas prices .12 per gallon this was to fund road/bridge repairs. Less then 3 years later why is there a need to raise taxes again. We are adamantly against another tax increase.

Thank you
Amy and Toby Mikelbank

From: Bill
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Measure A Transportation Sales Tax Expenditure Plan 2021-2061
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:58:15 PM
Importance: High

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William M. Leggett

Retired 1SG

U.S. Army

ITEM 11 STA 368

From: gaylefishkin@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:58:41 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)Our family will be voting NO on this proposal. You constantly ask for money to fix roads, schools, etc. but where is the money actually going? You never ever seem to FINISH any project for which you collected Millions of dollars.

Gayle & Edward Fishkin
Antelope, CA

From: Traci Canfield
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:04:06 PM

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First of all I fully support 40% of the tax going towards the various regional transit services listed in the program. Our transit systems are severely underfunded, in need of replacement vehicles and increases in level of services throughout the county. System repairs are also needed for the safety of our light rail system.

Secondly, I fully support the focus on repairs in the first 5 years, and think more of the share for road repairs should be going towards unincorporated county that the city is sacramento because the county has more roads in need of repair. In addition more sidewalks are needed along unincorporated roads (like along Sunset Ave) and speed limits reduced so our children can walk to school safely.

I think the amount proposed for the TMAs is too much for the work they do and need more oversight. The funds should be used for promoting high capacity transportation and less on special bike events. Instead of funding TMAs you should include funds to support pedestrian safety, education of drivers and enforcement of speed laws.

In general I support this measure - it sounds like a good mix of expenditures needed in our region.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Traci Canfield
Fair Oaks resident

ITEM 11 STA 370

From: Bob Tillisch
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:04:11 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

I live at the junction of the two worst roads in Sacramento county. Poverty road and Walker Landing Road. I know what a bad road is. County has not the money or time to ever repair it. The tax increase is to support your employees wages and retirement programs . Stop kidding yourselves. County needs to reduce its work force , more than 11,000 employees.. Look at the Federal Retirement program. Much better for tax payers! Social security , Thrift Savings accounts , along with smaller monthly pension plan. I'm a Federal retiree, No to all new Taxes! Work with what you have. Thank you Bob Tillisch(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bill
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:06:34 PM

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From: Doreen Irwin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:12:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not approve of any sales tax increase for STA which will be voted upon this May.

We have enough taxes now. I'm sure you can find monies to fix the roads if you really tried. Maybe get rid of the ridiculous and outrageously expensive "Bullet Train" to nowhere! What a waste!!

Sincerely, Doreen Irwin

Elverta, CA tax payer

From: Richard McSherry
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:24:41 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am **opposed** to the one-half cent sales tax increase for transportation funding. I have lived in Sacramento County for over 60 years and the County has always had sufficient funds to meet reasonable expenses. Taxes are too high already, especially for those with fixed incomes. The County needs to "tighten its belt" in other areas if such funding is absolutely needed just as the people of the County must do when their income does not meet desired expenses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard McSherry

From: Michael Bullington
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:28:21 PM

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I am not in favor of another 1/2 cent increase in our taxes. Only 40% of the increase would go to public transit, whereas our sales taxes are already as high as any in the nation. And in the middle of a pandemic. Are you out of your minds?

ITEM 11 STA 375

From: Diane McSherry
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:33:06 PM

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Diane McSherry

From: JEFF SWAN
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:34:21 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Tough times mean tough secessions. What you are here to decide and vote on today is a matter that can shape our county tomorrow and long into the future.

Every time our Board Of Supervisors votes the impact is not just financial. The votes propel action and those actions can and do point our county in the direction of our future. Every vote must truly represent not just what is politically popular but what is best for those you represent.

What are the issues that are most relevant right now, today. What future issues are best addressed today that set aside the issues of today, that is what is on the table today!

It is no secret our roads and transportation infrastructure is in severe decline. No arguments from anybody I have spoken with. The big deal in this sales tax increase proposal is where the funds will go.

Obviously if almost every resident feels the roads are despicable then let's fix them. Then everyone discovers where the funds are slated for. That is where the controversy shows up the biggest. Half of the money is slated for items other than roads. I don't think the majority of my neighbors and friends want anything more than decent roads.

I personally feel when I travel in our county, all over our county the roads are certainly not a bragging point yet When I see a very nice fleet of DOT vehicles very few in the private sector can afford. Projects that go over budget are by far the norm at DOT.

I would like to urge every one of the elected members of this board require an audit of the DOT be undertaken before any proposal to take more taxpayer money is even considered!

Finally, with the current pandemic and financial crisis looming over this county, this state and this country we should not be adding a financial burden on the people you are here to represent today.

The looming financial crisis isn't Isolated to one poverty stricken area or one economic class not even a homeless issue. This pandemic driven financial crisis is impacting students, working families, retired, major corporations and even normally successful business owners and operators such as yourselves!

At this time the increase to sales tax is very irresponsible and will strike more blows to those you are here to represent. The sales tax increase should be tabled until we know more what our future holds.

Jeffrey Swan
Orangevale

ITEM 11 STA 377

From: m.e. Luke
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:46:44 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No. More tax

Sent from my iPhone

From: Armida Campa
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:49:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) Gentlemen. I am in approval of the tax increase if that means there would be improvement in public transportation. As a 80 year old driver, whose driving experience might be coming to a close, I know I will need some assistance in transportation when I do stop driving. I'm hoping there will be affordable public transportation when my time comes to require it. Para transit seems to be not very customer friendly from what I hear from others and I don't want to have to depend on Uber or similar systems. I look forward to you folks taking us elders and our transportation issues into consideration, Thank you.

ITEM 11 STA 379

From: billbubka@yahoo.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:51:25 PM

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No Sales Tax Increase!

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 380

From: Sandra Elrod
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:59:48 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please do not vote to increase sales tax. We are already struggling to pay for necessities. Increasing the cost at this time is just wrong.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Patricia Biasotti
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:59:49 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We are in an emergency with tremendous losses in personal and probably county revenues.

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE MAKING THIS DECISION!

Patricia A Biasotti--a 92-year old voter and native Californian

From: Ron Davis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:03:16 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I am Ronald Davis and I have lived in Antelope since 1991. In times past the Transit Authority told the citizens of this county that it was their intention to have the light rail going all the way to Antelope from the Watt Avenue station in just a few short years. I believe it has been over 20 years now. We here in Antelope barely have bus service. It seems you want to have the citizens lined up and waiting before you decide to extend the bus service. I think you need to have the service running and attract riders, not the other way around. I strongly disagree with a tax increase for your very below par public transportation system. I have lived for years without getting a pay raise. I figured out a way to make things work and get my bills paid. You need to do the same. Thank you for your time

Ronald Davis

From: Alex Mattis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:03:42 PM

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I am against any tax increase at this time.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Alexander Mattis

From: Hannah Judd
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:04:23 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not raise taxes right now. I would not have wanted this months ago because, but under the circumstances a tax increase would only add to hardship. Please make spending cuts instead if necessary.

Sincerely,

Hannah Judd

ITEM 11 STA 385

From: RAY STULTS
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:10:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I don't feel this is the time to impose any more taxes. I have had to close my small business 7 seven weeks ago and don't know when government will let me reopen so you can see I don't need any additional costs. Thank you, Ray Stults

From: Daphne S
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:19:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not add another tax increase at such a challenging time for all!!!

Thank you,

Daphne Fritz

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Ken Hoffmann
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:21:16 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sacramento Transportation Authority

I am against your proposed half percent sales tax increase. I have two sons struggling to make ends meet now sharing housing with friends just to be able to rent on their own. They both are well educated and struggle to make ends meet now.

I am concerned the money you will be taxing us will not be spent well either, taxes for roads have been raised several times in the last decade and our roads are still falling apart. There are always good intentions but they usually end up on costly failed projects.

I am not worried about myself, I am about to retire and move to a state that will not tax me to death, I do however worry about my sons and my friends and neighbors children earning a decent living in California. Please look at every bill you have, garbage and sewer, water, cable, gas and total all the taxes (fees) we are really paying...I am sure you will be amazed at what even you are paying.

I ask two things of you, 1. Do not increase our sales tax. 2. Stay in California and don't follow me and the other hundreds of thousands of hard working Californians that are escaping California due to high taxes and high cost of livint. I am confident you would bring your high tax ideas with you.

Thank You

Ken Hoffmann

Lifetime Antelope/Sacramento California Resident

From: B L
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:23:21 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No on the Sacramento County Sales Tax Increase. Our taxes are high enough already!

Barbara

ITEM 11 STA 389

From: Michael Jones
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:30:04 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Oh Hell NO

Sent from Mike's iPhone

From: Rochelle Castillo
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:30:13 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The state, county and local governments take enough money from the people who live, shop, work and spend time in this state. California will never get my vote to increase my taxes again. The amount of money that is thrown around for illegal aliens and other wasteful spending like the bullet train to nowhere, bailing out pg&e and other pet projects of the Democrats that don't benefit the legal residents is disgusting. The state wastes millions and millions of dollars every year, which trickles down to county and local wasted spending as well. Use the money you already get for the assigned reasons they are taken for. Spend the taxpayers money wisely and for it's intended purpose in the future since you already get plenty of our money, no need for anymore of it.

The Castillo Family
Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 391

From: craig mckeown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:30:56 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I favor the tax!

ITEM 11 STA 392

From: Karun Yee
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:39:44 PM

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Appears to be another way to squeeze more taxes out of us during a time when we are nearly making ends meet. Aren't food and shelter more important at this time? Focus on what's really needed or you are not living in the real world! Who is stepping forward with some useful plans? Stop wasting time!

K Yer

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Justin Tanjuaquio
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:39:45 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I disagree with this sales tax.
More prayers are needed.
GOD have Mercy on us, miserable sinners!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

ITEM 11 STA 394

From: Melvyn Libman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:42:01 PM

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No more taxes

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 395

From: Robert Sharp
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:44:32 PM

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Absolutely not, we in Sacramento County way more then we receive. I previously had 10 Acres plus a 5 bedroom 3 full bath 2,800 square foot house in San Joaquin County only paying 1800 a year. Now I'm paying twice that for less property and house. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: cliff49er@surewest.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:44:51 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I say no to any new taxers for roads and transportation. There are many reasons why, but I'll mention just a few:

1. You will never accomplish what you say you will with the tax, it never fails you underestimated what it will cost to build your plan and you will grossly overestimate your revenue from the tax. This never fails and no audit or accountability will make a difference because the horse is already out of the barn.
2. The management of the City of Sacramento Public Works, County of Sacramento Public Works, SACOG are all grossly overpaid when compared to like positions in state and federal government.
3. The money wasted by agencies such as SACOG on staff catered lunches, ping pong tables, etc tells me that they have more than enough money to accomplish their stated mission without additional funding.

So I say no and I work in the transportation industry.

Thank you

From: Denise Barr
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:45:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

During this global crisis I find it appalling that the County of Sacramento would even consider imposing a sales tax hike. This shows how out of touch this group is with the real world and with the people that live in their area of jurisdiction. There are going to be so many more important topics to consider and that will need to be addressed over the next year due to the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This group should focus on those issues first, as a top priority, and not a sales tax to improve transportation.

V/R,
Denise Barr

From: Richard Lobel
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:58:49 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I strongly support this measure. Those who oppose spending money on public transportation any time money is spent fixing roads are stuck in the mentality that the best way to get around our area is by private vehicles. Major metropolitan areas, and the Greater Sacramento region is becoming one, need more mass transit and much fewer cars. Cities cannot sustain the numbers of cars we subject them to. Witness Los Angeles and the decades of poor, even dangerous, air quality.

While many cities are looking for ways to cut down the amount of car traffic we should not be trying to maximize it. Getting used to mass transit being the first choice takes a long time. Possibly generations. We have to start sometime. Now is the time.

Richard Lobel
122 Rockbolt Circle
Folsom, CA 95630

From: sandy s
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:00:47 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more taxes! We have over the years approved tax increases, supposedly earmarked for road improvements. But our roads in Sacramento county are horrible, patched, cracked, & pot holes everywhere. I live in Elverta, close to the Placer county line, the roads in Roseville are so nice, they re pave roads that are 10 times better than ours, how come they have money for that, when Sacramento county doesn't?

Where is our money going?

You don't need more of our money, you need to manage what you have more responsibly.

Sandy Sheddy

From: Michael Dyas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:03:31 PM

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Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record:

You people really must have bumped your heads. The economy is in crisis and this is your fix???? Surely, if you go through with this injustice, then during the next election you "wil"l be looking for a new job.

If you think that raping the people further, especially in these times of growing hardships, that it will make life all better, then truely you are already lost and you should resign now..

WE THE PEOPLE will not stand for this nefarious action, be forwarned, you are definately out of a job if you make this move! USE THE RAPE MONEY that you have ALREADY GLEANED FROM US, YOUR COFFERS ARE IN SURPLUS. Enough already!

STOP, STOP, STOP THIS RIP-OFF SCHEME NOW!
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 401

From: betty patrick
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:08:47 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) please do not increase taxes especially during this pandemic when so many of us citizens are struggling due to the government closures! We do not need to spend more on public transportation when the majority of the people do not use public transportation. Please consider the further hardship you will put on the tax payers with this Unneeded hardship. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robin Haltom
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:10:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I think we have high enough taxes. No I don't want my taxes to go up.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: April Dobbs
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:10:56 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am against any more tax increases for "transportation." I'm already paying more for gas because of a tax hike that was supposed to go for roads and keeps being raided for other things. And 40% for public transportation in a State like California where most people live where they either can't use it or it would be massively inconvenient, is not sensible. You should be using the funds from the gas tax that was foisted on us without a vote to repair roads, period. No more tax increases.

From: John Fenton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:11:52 PM

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People are struggling enough as it is. Adding a tax increase in the middle of all this is a heartless act.

John Fenton

ITEM 11 STA 405

From: tzt30k
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:26:07 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not want an increase in sales tax in Sacramento county.

ITEM 11 STA 406

From: Adam Severt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:30:32 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not want this. We do not want this. This is not what we need. If you are truly representing the people's needs and best interests, please do not pass this tax increase. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Laura Kneppel
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:38:35 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Although I am for repairing our roads and addressing transportation issues, I believe that this is a terrible time to try to impose an extra tax on the residents of the county. The global pandemic is having a devastating effect on people's incomes at the present time, and it is highly likely that it will take years for people and businesses to recover from this. Some likely never will. I would ask the Board to consider postponing this and any other proposed tax increases until the public has a chance to try to come back from the terrible financial circumstances that we are currently experiencing.

Sincerely,
Laura Kneppel
Sacramento
Sent from my iPad

From: LEVI
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:00:28 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please...POSITIVELY NO SALES TAX INCREASE.

Thank You for listening.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

ITEM 11 STA 409

From: Kenneth Tomlinson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:02:26 PM

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No more sales tax for your agency. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: pattimutchler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:07:43 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Absolutely no increase in our sales tax! We have all suffered the last 3 months and however long this SIP continues. Many businesses have failed or are about to. If taxes go up, many will go to other counties to make significant purchases, thereby decreasing revenue even more.

Respectfully, Patti Mutchler

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

ITEM 11 STA 411

From: terrishanson@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:11:01 PM

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Do not vote for against a tax increase to fund public transit. Live within the existing budget.

Terris Hanson
Rancho murieta

ITEM 11 STA 412

From: terrishanson@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:12:52 PM

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No on sales tax increase. Live within the existing budget!

Terris Hanson
Rancho Murieta

From: Bob Ames
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email: Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001 / Please increase Sacramento Sales Tax by 0.5% to fund Sacramento Transit. Very Truly Yours. -Bob-
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:18:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please support STA 20-001 because public transit is very important especially to vulnerable groups of the Sacramento population.

I also strongly encourage a restructuring of the fares such that MediCal-Cardholders could obtain either free or reduced cost public transit.

It is unfair that wealthy Senior Citizens receive discounted transit passes and fares while at the same time passengers who have been pre-certified by the State of California as surviving at an income level well below the poverty line must pay full price for all rides on Sacramento Transit and also for all transit passes.

Why do wealthy elderly people get discounts on Sacramento Transit while poor people get no discounts at all?

Please increase Sacramento Sales Tax by 0.5% to fund Sacramento Transit.
Very Truly Yours. -Bob-

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From: Diane Wolfe
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:29:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am in favor of the tax increase provided all of the money is spent to improve public transportation, bicycle access and safety and pedestrian access and safety.

Money spent on roads should be limited to repairs that need to be done to decrease later costs as roads further deteriorate and create a safety hazard.

No money should be spent to change intersections, freeway access etc unless it is clear that the fix will significantly increase safety for the drivers. It should not be done to decrease congestion!

No new roads or lanes should be built. Rather traffic congestion should be addressed by improving, expanding public transportation.

Diane Wolfe

From: David Flaa
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:56:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As home owners and tax payers in Sacramento County, my wife and I oppose this or any other tax increase especially in the current economic situation. This tax proposal is particularly onerous based on 40% of the proposed increase going to public transit. We seriously doubt that public transit remotely accounts for 40% of miles traveled compared to private transportation. We urge the board to defeat this proposal.

David and Mary Lou Flaa
Sacramento County residents

From: Jessica Wilson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:24:38 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hello,

If you can provide information as to how the monies already given via tax rate increase to fix roads was spent, I would possibly after reading provided information another flipping tax increase!

I feel that a lack of managing money and funds being redirected are an internal problem. I am not in agreement for any increase for again, something that has already been provided.

Also if you are going to contract out work to fill in wholes in current roads, make sure your contractor follows scope of work, or make sure to include proper language that the work gets done correctly, or at least the work be evaluated. Worst jobs in the area where I live! Where the wholes which are filled in don't last at all.

Don't increase the tax rate!

Thank you.

Jessica Mainvoille Wilson
Sent from my iPhone

From: nansyd@surewest.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:27:13 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Instead of adding more sales taxes for public transportation, why don't you repair the terrible roads all over Sacramento County? I thought the 12 cents added to our gas tax was going to take care of that, but it sure hasn't so now you want to add another tax for public transportation. I strongly ask that you not add any more taxes to us, especially with so many people now out of work, not knowing what the future is going to bring.

NO NEW TAXES PLEASE!!!

ITEM 11 STA 418

From: Aaron Jones
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:31:51 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am strongly opposed to a sales tax increase. I understand our community has needs that this increase aims to meet, but households cannot afford additional taxes, especially sales taxes.

Aaron Jones
8420 Ranchita Way
Fair Oaks, California 95628

From: klhsanchez
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:32:28 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From Kristine Sanchez:

Our ROADS need to be fixed first before any more funds are spent on other projects. A minimal amount of residents use public transportation while a majority use our roadways . The whole area of Antelope , especially Walerga Rd, is filled with potholes! North Highlands roads are even worse. I want my tax dollars spent on what I use daily, roads. Thank you!

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note8.

From: heidi maule
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:49:27 AM

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I don't want a County tax increase.

People are tired of these games played at every working citizen's expense.
We know the push-me-pull-you between CA and the President of the United States. CA is united, is it not? We the people want CA to act like it's United.

Things I'd like to say:

The feces, trash, throw-up, bacteria laden everything, and drug related items along roadways, in our greenbelts, and near river front areas are truly showing a state out of control and in need of Federal guidance; not finding assistance. The states monies have been misappropriated long enough.

You can't ask for money without first making better use of what the state has, and can redirect.

Get rid of over-regulating.

Support and respect your law enforcers and those who must deal with the most horrible people imaginable on a daily basis. Think about how your decisions will impact real people.

I'm sorry, but there isn't one person I know whether Dem or Rep that isn't saying they are questioning the CA Governor's decision-making. They are also questioning who are the people behind his decisions. Do they have common sense to represent the majority of working people?
We don't see a leader on television. We see someone poking at Trump in some under the lip manner. This is getting too old.

If the Board and CA politicians want to be supported; then earn the respect and trust of the hard-working people. Trust can't be earned by dismissing responsibility to what the people want.

If a Board convenes with earplugs with no intent of pushing forward the will of the people; then all is up in smoke screen.

Why on Earth would anyone want to vote-in additional taxes?

More taxes are not the answer; unless more political games are being continued.

If illegal aliens can vote; why would they care if there were higher taxes? It's possibly just more incentive not to work. More homelessness will result.

For crying out loud, people can no longer afford their apartments because their rents increase much more than cost of living increases on social security. The rents increase because of over taxation and regulations. At least that's what the owners indicate to tenants.

Example: A person clears around \$1,800/month on SS disability. Their apartment monthly rate started at \$790/month about 5 years ago. Now rent is \$1,100/month, but their social security has not changed much. Do the math.

For a person disabled and over 62, this is traumatic.

Where can they go if living in Hazel Wood Apts in Orangevale? Folsom built new apartments by DMV that some are income-based. But, the office staff won't even call a person back. There is more need for this kind of housing but even better. All floors should be accessible for someone disabled. If only the first floor is accessible; then it limits the number of apartments available to anyone disabled

Higher taxes will make people suffer more than what gas already been caused.

This head buttin'g with will backfire. The answer is to start putting your engines in reverse. I emphasize "Start". Please start making a change to begin the trek back. Like change this sanctuary insanity. At least make a step in the right direction.

This is wrong for this Country, California, every working citizen, and every citizen who worked for their retirement and social security. We can not sustain this; while our own citizens get cheated out of jobs, housing, and health care.

This is a crossroads time. Do what citizens want. Do not just go through the motions; while just plugging onward towards an agenda the people don't want.

Work with our Nation's President to better California. California has always been like a pave-the-way state. It has been able to maintained this way because of it is flexible when needed.

Right now things have gotten too extreme, and it's dividing government too far away from its people no matter what political party. If you don't feel it, read it, hear it, and see it; then you may be out of touch with the majority and reality. Be flexible with common sense.

Not allowing people to make decisions for themselves is being viewed like people made a mistake and voted in dictators who would rather be tyrants.

The majority is tired of this non-stop hatred directed at the White House. This is simply wrong. Your support is needed to help Everyone!

Focus on things that are meaningful and enlighten your spirit.

Last year I saw a heartbreaking site. Just visualize a doe with her big ears standing in the middle of trash, needle caps, and dirty toilet paper.

This is exactly what I saw behind a back area of Lembi Park in Folsom. Just on the other side was an access trail next to nice residential homes with children playing in the backyard.

I asked myself...What has happened since the 1980's-1990's that caused things to get this bad?

I can tell you from my personal state experience that it's serious. The funds should still be there, but aren't. Why?

I had an actual park ranger in Folsom say to me. "Well they have to sleep somewhere".

What! Is this the mindset now? We are in serious trouble.

Don't care about wildlife, and shrug your shoulders and say it's ok for this disgusting stuff to be behind our parks and homes, and areas easily accessible to our children? I say let the park ranger live there and everyone who thinks like him.

But, more likely he was acting out of frustration in dealing with a flawed system in CA that is tying his hands. Shame on the leaders and law makers enacting laws that endanger our children, peace officers, communities, environment, and wildlife!!!

No, I will not accept this. I am going to go back soon to see if it's better or worse there. Truly a picture of what I saw was like the poster child of CA, along with our filthy roadways.

We voted in the Lottery from promises that our schools would be restored to nice conditions. Really? Where were those funds for Pershing Elementary, or the school off Natoma in Orangevale that was forced to close. And then it turned into some charter school for which the school continues to be an eye sore; while Twin Lakes became overcrowded due to the other school closing.

This is called placing or children's education at a high priority? Wow.

Politicians seem to be out of control and disconnected from our community needs to make safe and nice neighborhoods. And this misguiding of citizens and bad business just gets worse every year. Please stop.

Every person I know is saying our Governor is not doing his job. We the people are being misrepresented Again.

We don't want to pay for the creation of Sanctuary cities/state. Yet we are forced to do so. This is dictatorship that We don't want. And who wants more money from us? For What? Get the money by not paying illegal citizens.

Force them to become citizens or leave.

At the very least make some attempt to recognize the horrible problem, and begin to turn it around with time limits; until you can change the bad laws that were passed against our voices.

Funds are not being used appropriately. Even before Covid-19 overkill, has anyone driven down the freeway from Sacramento to Tulare?

It's disgusting how dirty this state has become. What has happened to the once great Caltrans. Contracting in many ways has sucked us dry. Give work back to State workers to clean up this mess of state lands. Clean it up before buying anymore property. CA can't take care of the property it has.

The worst is really that now there are abuses with big money contracts and conflicts of interest. So if the State is to clean that swamp, it will need to slowly stop renewing contracts.

Caltrans, inmates, and others use to care for our roadways. So where is that money being redirected? As hard as it is, get rid of bad programs or downsize programs as needed. Keeping programs that don't need to be as large as they have become is taking away funds for needed programs.

Sorry, for my rant of this and that. I am trying to say things that have been on my mind in a not so organized way using my cell. I hope you understand why I vote NO for new taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to say I don't want new County Taxes, but do want changes and renewed focus on more important things for this great state.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

From: John muehlbauer
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:51:03 AM

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I'm writing to you share my feelings about the proposed 1/2 cent tax increase and the disposition of funds raised by this proposed tax. While I am disgusted and embarrassed by the state of roads in Sacramento County, it is my understanding that a large portion of these funds will NOT be used to repair these car-breaking roads. That's a mis-use of funds! Please direct that a large majority of these funds be used to fix our decrepit roads. We are watching! john muehlbauer (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 422

From: Keith Winebarger
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:28:51 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO SALES TAX!

Sharon Winebarger

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 423

From: ed
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [ed](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:49:46 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I think implementing a new tax in the middle of a pandemic, and the BIGGEST economic downfall in our lifetime, is insane. It will hurt low income people the most!!!!

From: Jo Ann Solov
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:27:34 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I have been a Sacramento County resident for over 40 years, living near the intersection of Madison and Manzanita Avenues. I have voted for various taxes that were promised for local road improvements, but I have seen little reward for my pay out. This latest half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation confuses me with its priority directed to public transit.

I agree this is also an important part of the plan, but our roads are more of a priority in my opinion.

Here are some of the worst examples of dangerous streets that I wish I could avoid, but they are part of my daily commutes.

- * San Juan Avenue between Greenback and Madison
- * Manzanita between Winding Way and Cypress
- * Madison Avenue between Sunrise and Dewey

I am most grateful for the improvements being made on Fair Oaks Blvd, but the phases are so terribly slow. You drive along the stretch that has been paved and breathe a sigh of relief at the new Landis stop light, remembered all the times you risked your life at that non intersection. But then you continue to the stretch that has not been completed and it is a nightmare. I was on the Carmichael/Fair Oaks Blvd. Improvement Committee over 10 years ago, helping to prioritize the community's needs. I really hope I live to see this project to completion.

Thank you.
JoAnn Solov
5737 Raybel Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95841

ITEM 11 STA 425

From: larry blunt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:49:57 AM

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No! no! no! on increased taxes. I am forced to manage and adjust my budget, why is the county et al not forced to do the same?

Unlike government I am unable to go to the well for more and must reduce (read do with out).

From: vivas4@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:56:02 AM

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No to sales tax increase in Sacramento County !

James Vivas
Orangevale,CA

Sent from my Verizon ASUS Tablet

ITEM 11 STA 427

From: joyce heiler
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:23:11 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No tax increase, and certainly not nearly 40% to go to public transit. Are you trying to drive people out of Sacramento County? The County is certainly losing its allure.

ITEM 11 STA 428

From: Steve Wright
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:28:29 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Fix the roads...stop spending money on projects only a few use.

From: Stan Sorensen
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:50:14 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) A few years ago Sacramento County tried to get a Measure B passed. It failed because of the significant amount of funding for mass transportation. Now here we go again. If significant funding has been included for mass transportation, this to will fail.

From: T I I
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:50:53 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I feels comfortable with the tax increase if the money is going to go into actually repairing our roads. I feel that this is an increase of a going to the general fund that will go into helping Feed The Ungrateful homeless or some social program which has been tried endlessly only to fail...

ITEM 11 STA 431

From: Linda Lasswell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:53:48 AM

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I am in favor of the sales tax increase

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Darrell Chilson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:00:24 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My wife and I strongly oppose the sales tax increase measure. We live in Sacramento County, and have done so since 1997. We have watched the roads deteriorate badly over that time. In spite of new taxes and political promises to fix the roads, it keeps getting worse. We realize that the State of California shares a considerable part of the blame. That does not mean we support new county taxes. If the county really wants to address this issue, it is time for county government to rise up with a strong voice demanding the state do its job! You have a unique opportunity being here in Sac. County. Use the media to loudly push back against state mismanagement.

Mean while, it is county mismanagement to want to raise taxes, especially during this time of financial hardship for county residents. It is county mismanagement to want to spend 40% of new taxes on public transportation instead of fixing the roads first.

We strongly oppose a tax increase at this time!

Darrell and Terrill Chilson
6024 10th St.
Rio Linda, CA 95673

ITEM 11 STA 433

From: j.glorioso
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:51:06 AM

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L(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
I am opposed to any increase in taxes!

Sent from my iPad

From: garth breckon
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:51:34 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

no tax increases .. cut your waste ..

From: Melody Pfand
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:52:26 AM

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No, no no taxes unless they are directly applied to infrastructure. It seems are taxes continually go up but our roads & highways are never fixed. Accountability seems to be a serious problem for most of our politicians!!

Melody Pfand of Citrus Heights

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: LJ Laurent
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:53:52 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

While totally OPPOSED to this tax increase for Sac Transit usages, it is particularly wrong due to the number of lives, jobs and normal transportation habits lost to disease.

This is the WRONG TAX INCREASE at the Worst Possible Time.

NO NEW STA TAX!

LJ Laurent
Folsom, CA 95630

From: Desiree Soto
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:55:04 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please don't increase the Sacramento County sales tax, creating an additional burden for families during this challenging time of a coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you.

Desiree Soto

From: Chad Singleton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:01:59 AM

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I am against the increase, Roads do need attention, but very time a tax increase , be it sales or gas tax the money gets sucked over to another just like this tax will be used for.

Respectfully,

Chad Singleton

7927 Hanson Ave

Citrus Heights, CA.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Joan Pederson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:02:22 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Joan Pederson and I am a resident of Citrus Heights, California. I do not want another tax increase! We already pay enough taxes. Stop appropriating our tax dollars for things they're not supposed to be used for. Just because you're not fiscally responsible shouldn't be the reason you raise our taxes. Stop wasting our tax dollars. I do not want another tax increase!! Enough is enough!

Joan Pederson

ITEM 11 STA 440

From: Koleen Biegacki
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:02:35 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear ladies and gentleman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I strongly urge you to vote NO on any new taxes or tax increases. Tax payers of the city, county, and state are paying an exorbitant amount in taxes already, why add to this heavy load? I urge you to vote NO on any new taxes or tax increases.

Be well,
Koleen Biegacki

Please forgive brevity and spelling errors. Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 441

From: Robert Sweikar
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:13:12 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)I
am opposed to the tax increase as 40 percent of it will go to benefit
the few who use public transportation.

Linda Sweikar

From: Ed Crum
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:15:00 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not increase our taxes, with the state of our economy and the need for everyone to recover from the stay at home period the last thing we need is a increase in taxes. Please have a heart. No increase!

Ed Crum

Rio Linda ca

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From: Marvin Lien
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:18:14 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

This is Marvin Lien, owner if Lien Storage and Marvin's Business Services in the Rio Linda area.. Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic shut down by our California Govenor, businesses have had to shut down with the loss of revenue and clients to provide future revenue flow to our businesses.

Now, the government wants to stick what's left of the tax paying public with a higher sales tax. Our state & local governments should be more concerned in helping businesses get back on there feet to hire employees and stimulate employment that has been loss to the pandemic rather than finding new ways such as tax increases to strangle us with.

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Sent from my Android phone with [mail.com](#) Mail. Please excuse my brevity.

From: Karl Gebhardt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:25:01 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am opposed to any tax increases. California needs to repair it's failing infrastructure with the existing monies taken from hard working citizens. Please stop wasting our hard earned money.

Thank you,

Karl Gebhardt

ITEM 11 STA 445

From: Legion Post521
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:30:54 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Please do not burden me with more sales taxes. The current taxes need to be fully transparent. In these trying times we should be tightening the belt and getting rid of waste and dead weight.

From: Stephen Landau
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:35:12 AM

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As a resident of California, I am SICK and TIRED of continually having to PAY MORE AND MORE TAXES! At some point this constant demand to have the residents of this State pay more in taxes will backfire, especially when we see the WASTE and "good old boy" network benefiting from our hard work!! Now, millions of our dollars are going to Illegals who are benefiting more than we the American people! Can we go to Mexico and vote, get Social Services, I don't think so! Our roads are in disrepair, our gas prices are the highest in the nation, our taxes are the highest in the nation, the cost of living is the highest in the nation, absolutely SICKENING! Is it any wonder people and businesses are leaving in droves? I can go on and on ,,but will end with NO I am NOT in favor of a tax Hike!

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 447

From: steve lacaillade
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:35:21 AM

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We pay so much gas tax just tap into that spend your time instead to drive the price of gas down
California sucks

ITEM 11 STA 448

From: Peter Brown
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:45:14 AM

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I support additional spending on public transit and repairing existing roads. Increased infrastructure spending now is good. Increasing taxes at this time is not a good idea. The situation has changed drastically in the past 3 months. Better to borrow at low rates now and tax to pay off loans later.

Peter Brown
Gold River, CA
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Jill Ottaway
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:52:32 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Californians are being taxed to death. I am a Realtor in the greater sacramento area. I talk to people every day who are planning on leaving California because of the unreasonable triple taxation. We are taxed more in California than any other states. Now the government is trying to raise taxes when 30 % of the people are not even working?? I got no on this ordinance.

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Always Be Kind!

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ITEM 11 STA 450

From: Kay Michelle Khayat
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:17:58 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not want an increase in tax at this time for public transportation or transportation period. Please wait until our economy is working.

~Kay Michelle Khayat
Rancho Murieta.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Cindy's Comcast
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:22:11 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hello Madam Clerk, thank you for reading this for me during these difficult times.

Hello To all Supervisors. Thank you for your time and for all you do for the County of Sacramento. My name is Cinthia Saylor. I am a resident of this county in the area of Elverta.

I understand the need for public transportation, but without roads, public transportation is a mute point. The roads in our county are in dire need of serious repair and maintenance. The citizens of this county have voted, taken surveys, and voiced their opinions in many different manners about how you spend our tax dollars. It is time to fix the roads. Really fix them. Not with a patch that will wash out with the next rain, but do it right.

I'm sure that if you were to ask the mechanics in the garage at RT that work on the buses in your public transportation fleet how many repairs they do that are caused because of the potholes and washed out road edges, you might be surprised.

Poorly maintained roads are a liability in many ways. They cost all of us money, time, and emotional frustration having to deal with them on a daily basis.

I'm urging you to please fix our roads! Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cinthia Saylor

"It is not in space that I must seek my human dignity, but in the ordering of my thought. It will do me no good to own land. Through space the universe grasps me and swallows me up like a speck; through thought I grasp it."

Blaise Pascal

From: Esther McCoy-Wieting
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:23:43 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This is Esther I. McCoy-Wieting, Rio Linda, CA, speaking regarding your proposed tax increase. Why are you asking for a tax increase NOW with so many folks out of work and needing all the help they can possible get to keep from losing their homes, cars, etc. What is wrong with you people and where is your common sense? Think of what the greatest needs are currently with so many unemployed and the unemployment insurance is so taxed to send out checks to those people who need it the most that they have to go to food banks to feed their families -

NO, WE DO NOT NEED A TAX INCREASE RIGHT NOW - LET'S GET OVER THIS PANDEMIC AND GET OUR STATES, COUNTIES, CITIES AND PEOPLE WHO ARE DESPERATE FOR FOOD, AND HELP BACK ON TRACK WHEN PEOPLE CAN GET BACK TO WORK TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES. THIS IS THE BEST THING THAT WE CAN DO TO GET THIS COUNTRY BACK TO SOME SENSE OF NORMALCY!!!

From: S Pancoast
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:24:48 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Considering many employees will be working from home, perhaps permanently, and considering most of the public has taken a severe and negative financial impact due to Covid-19, perhaps any new taxation should be suspended. Also, in California, we send so much tax revenue to the Fed in Washington, D.C. Let's get some of our money back from them for infrastructure before more is demanded from the local citizen! Thank you!

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Doug Lipp
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:28:41 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not raise our taxes. There is a time, place and reason for increased taxation, and now is NOT that time. Due to the Covid 19 we are all struggling mightily to make ends meet ... many failing to do so.

Don't add insult to injury by raising taxes we cannot pay.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Lipp

(Native Sacramentan)

From: Rich
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:30:08 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Terrible timing for another sales tax increase for transportation that should already be covered by recent tax increases!

I say NO!

From: William Boehm
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:31:57 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
Ridiculous !.....another tax increase.....NOW !.....?.....come on, get serious,
logical and smart and trash this idea.....now !.....WJB, Sacto

From: Pam Herger
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:34:54 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Board Members,

I am asking that you do not place this measure on the ballot this fall.

My main concern has always been that the funds allocated do not go directly to the the main need seen in our communities—namely street and road repair and maintenance. That seems to be the need—prioritize—“fix it first” at the top of the agenda. It appears that “special; projects” are given first priority.

Secondly it looks as though the board would have the liberty to change the expenditures at will. I do not agree with that.

Also, it seems to me we have already allocated monies to road infrastructure and repair with the last increase in gas taxes. How has that been allocated?

Please do not increase our taxes . They say this is a 40 year tax, yet I’m sure another one will come along down the road.

Thank you,

Pamela Herger

From: John Coburn
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:35:44 AM
Attachments: [Signature_JC_New.png](#)

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I strongly appose any tax increase at this time not only due to the Covid 19 issue but we were duped into a fuel tax hike last year to pay for roads!! Then the Governor redirected some of the funds for mass transit without the consent of the voters. You should be looking for ways to cut spending not increase spending. I own a business with 35 employees and I can not increase my pricing at this time so I am finding ways to cut cost, CA is the 48 to 50 worst state for businesses and politicians with no fiscal responsibility is a major part of the problem.

No On Tax Increases.

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John Coburn



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From: Dave Martinelli
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:38:42 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
no tax increase

From: 52mike
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:38:48 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I feel that our roads have deteriorated to a point that we will never be able to catch up. This tax originally sounded good till I heard the transit wants to raid it. This would make the bill totally useless. It would be a big benefit for them. The end result especially now with the economy . We would see no repairs and the transit would benefit. I am against the bill.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S10+.

From: Veterans Affiliated Council
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:44:15 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Today, tomorrow and forever, during this pandemic of the CCP, Covid-19, or Wuhan flu especially, is not the time to burden the American taxpayers to further additional taxes. Especially for transportation reasons. No new taxes!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Blueoaknorth Neighborhood Watch
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:47:06 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sacramento County Commissioners

STABoard:

Fix our roads - yes

Fix public transit - NO.

The majority of people don't use public transit and less will now with Covid 19 issues. Public transit is not convenient for most people and doesn't even go where they are going.

The roads in my neighborhood are crumbling! They have replaced water pipes and gas pipes last few years and the heavy trucks have crumbled the old asphalt. Fix that before fixing more public transit.

My vote is NO if it includes public transit. Yes, if it fixes roads in my community!

Thank you

Marilyn Edwards

Marilyn

From: peabody6612@att.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:51:43 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not saddle us with another tax. We are already taxed to death. How much do you think we can handle. Out of work, no income, bills mounting. No more taxes.
Ann Moore

From: Mary christians
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:52:52 AM

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We do not want another sales tax, especially knowing a large portion will be going towards transportation. We are counting on you not to pass this ridiculous tax.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Mary and Bob Christians

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 465

From: Greg Littell
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:52:57 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am against this tax increase. After reading the Plan, I feel that there is far too much “stuff” in it. Any tax increase should be very specific, perhaps funding just one or two narrowly defined projects/efforts for a defined period of time. The taxpayer could then “see with their own eyes” the value of the effort to judge whether the expense was worth it. This Plan is too broad. Simplify the Plan, publish, and then try again with a taxpayer vote/approval process. Thanks.

Gregory Littell

15008 Rio Circle

Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

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From: Karyl Sutton
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:58:14 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more taxes. Work within the approved budget. If the money is short, then eliminate the unnecessary expenses, just like the majority of people do instead of increasing the tax burden. Time to get back to basics like representing the tax payers of this county, not bleeding them dry with another tax increase.

From: pcluque
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:04:34 AM

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I do not support an increase in sales taxes as California residents are already being taxed to death. The State needs to develop another way of generating income besides just sticking it to the consumers! The Federal government takes 23% of our income and denies us the right to write off our taxes paid through our tax returns. The exemptions allowed when filing taxes are not realistic. If we were allowed to write off the total of ALL TAXES PAID I might support the increase. There needs to be equal balance between State and Federal withholdings capped at 20%. 10% to your state of residence and 10% to the Federal Government. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

From: emfelect
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:07:46 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Are you kidding ? A sales tax increase at this time ? Fire some of your overpaid administrator's that thought of this. They are so out of touch with reality . Tell them to sell there fancy homes and give proceeds to STA. Then ride that lousy crime ridden train to work like the rest of the poor folks in the county

William Dowd
Fair Oaks Ca

From: David Wittenborn
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:21:47 AM

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The spending plan should reflect spending to do the most good to the most users. The proposed plan is not proportional because it does not allocate enough for road repair. While public transportation is important, your spending plan unfairly allocates too many limited dollars to the fewer users of public transportation. The budget should be between 20-30% of the total to be fair to all taxpayers and commuters in the county.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Ed Wurz
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:23:29 AM

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With regard to a local tax hike, no, just don't. We're already taxed into oblivion by the state overlords. I realize the state and local governments are two different things, but this isn't helping the citizens get back on their feet after this overhyped 'pandemic'. Perhaps a reduction in regulations will allow for more efficient functioning of the local government. Look at what happened when, at the federal level, bureaucracy and red tape were reduced to allow for more efficiency. I recently found that I have to pay for a parking pass to park at county parks that I am already taxed to support. Reduction in departments might be a good place to start as well. It all comes down to needs and wants. Perhaps investigations and audits for spending would be in order to identify targets of opportunity to reduce or eliminate costs. There are many volunteers at the Citrus Heights Police Department. Perhaps resources of that nature would be able to independently investigate and audit the system and recommend changes to improve the situation. Having county or city employees perform that activity on themselves isn't likely the best approach as we've seen elsewhere how effective that can be (fox guarding the hen house). I would gladly assist as my former career related to maximizing efficiency while minimizing cost as it related to the contracts and requirements we were bound to. A simple reply to this email can get the ball rolling.

Never forget that the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution are there not to control the people, but to control the government.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Doreen Altman
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:39:37 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

If the state would simply comply with prior promises to use tax money for roads, this tax would not be necessary. It's time to hold politicians and government accountable to live up to their promises. I'm sick of the double standard. NO on this tax!!!

From: Janet Nelson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:45:33 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The proposal to increase the sales tax couldn't be more poorly timed! Far too many people in the county are hurting financially because of Covid-19. Therefore, we oppose it strongly and encourage the county to work on using its revenues more efficiently.

Larry and Janet Nelson

ITEM 11 STA 473

From: Lanette Benjamin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:48:52 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

This is absolutely ridiculous! We have been taxed to death by the Newsom administration for roads and transportation and he uses the money for other things, like the bullet train etc. he just put into place a gasoline tax and that is enough. Yes, the coronavirus is hitting most of us very hard and especially now is not the time to increase anything. GET REAL FOLKS!! (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Lanette Benjamin

Sent from my iPad

From: Courtside TENNIS & Apparel
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:49:32 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Hello,

We feel this is not the right time to raise taxes, this pandemic has already put a tremendous strain on our business (Courtside TENNIS & Apparel), and higher taxes will only worsen the situation for all.

Thank you for your time,

Jake Hubbard

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: Peter
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:51:20 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We are already paying plenty of taxes. Don't raise them at all. Be better stewards of the money you already have.

Peter Ceccardi

Pastor

916-337-2977

<http://fbcelverta.org/>

<https://prayersandpowerchords.com/>

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ITEM 11 STA 476

From: Lanette Benjamin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:56:00 AM

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An additional thought use the money you have st aside for the homeless housing!! Also why are you keeping the Arco Arena open to the tune of \$500,000 per day for what 6 people, while they laying off hospital employees because there are not enough people in the hospital. You people need to get real!! Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Lanette Benjamin

Sent from my iPad

From: BRIAN PACKER
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:56:37 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) No one can afford a tax increase at this time. California is going to go bankrupt over stupid bills and paying illegals money they don't deserve. Please let it be know I am against this tax increase. Thank you

From: Dempseys
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:57:19 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It's gratifying to read that the County is considering a half cent sales tax increase to improve roads and transit. I'd urge you to adopt this.

I know some oppose spending money on transit because it's so un-serviceable as currently configured in Sacramento County. Suburban sprawl densities are too low to provide enough riders within a walk of the stops, and the County's street design offers little or nothing in the way of pedestrian amenities. Sidewalks are often discontinuous, and adjacent to fast-flowing traffic. Given those circumstances, regional transit is designed-to-fail, and working as designed.

In the above photo of a transit stop at Kenneth & Greenback, no sidewalk connects the transit stop to any neighbors. Potential transit riders must stand on the gravel shoulder next to fast-flowing traffic without even the benefit of a curb to protect them from cars that might stray into the shoulder. I wish I could say this is uncommon, but unfortunately, it's not.

It's unnecessary, too. About half a block away from the Kenneth and Greenback stop, there's an actual destination (a health club / medical office building) with a turnout where a bus could pull out of traffic, vertical curbs and wide sidewalks. Across the street from that health club is a retirement home and Winco

supermarket that could provide riders and/or destinations for transit. But there's no transit stop at that location.

If Sacramento's transit were not designed to fail, like the above stop, it would likely be better used, and people would understand the need to fund it. In fact transit systems throughout the world, even in third world countries like Brazil and Bolivia, pay their own way and do not need subsidies like ours, when the design support exists. The low density and lack of pedestrian amenities makes failure the most likely option here, though.

Continued long commutes without the option of transit increase CO2 emissions. Fully used transit is cheaper too--about one eighth the cost per passenger mile of single-occupant autos. Add to that the fact that the fastest growing demographic in our population is adults older than 85. How eager are you to encounter them piloting their cars as you're driving down the road?

The consequences of the additional CO2 from those autos are not pretty, either:



There's nothing saying California couldn't have conflagrations like those pictured above in Australia. Heck we already burned Paradise, California to the ground thanks to the global-warming-fueled drought that made Australia's and our forests into tinder.

The County could remedy the above shortcomings of transit-friendly development by supporting more multi-family development in suburbs--like four- or eight-plexes instead of duplexes at the corners, even in low-density building, for example. The County could also encourage redeveloping commercial properties to include residences above or beside the stores. This could provide transit hubs if the pedestrian-friendly Complete Streets requirement for new development were included.

Redeveloping malls like this could revive failing commercial sites, and provide more affordable housing, while providing the transit customers that sprawl development so actively discourages with its low densities and poor pedestrian amenities. The owner of Arden Fair even mentioned such mixed use as a potential option for the future as he announced Nordstrom's closing in today's paper.

I'd also urge you to approve funding for a public bank. Roughly half of the cost of large infrastructure projects proposed with that sales tax increase goes for financing. There's no sense in sending all that money to Wall Street if we could recycle it locally. There are many other uses for public financing, too. For example, Supervisor Frost has complained in her newsletter about how low Sacramento County's reserves are. A public bank could provide a line of credit that would enhance or supplant those reserves.

Finally, I'd urge the Supervisors to endorse the "split roll" proposal that will be on the November ballot. This would provide an additional \$11 billion in annual tax revenue statewide by closing an egregious loophole in proposition 13.

The loophole says commercial property will only be reassessed if more than 50% of the property changes hands. So Michael Dell (of Dell Computers) can buy a Santa Monica hotel, split title between himself, his wife and a corporation he controls, and the sale does not update the property tax assessed to current values.

Throughout the state lots of properties have taken advantage of this loophole and are, in effect, still assessed at 1978 values, plus a modest inflation adjustment, even though price increases of real estate have far exceeded that adjustment. Proponents of the split roll measure estimate the lost revenue at \$11 billion annually.

This tax would not impair businesses either. If a new business wants to build its own facility, it would pay a higher property tax in the current setup. That setup is as likely to impair business as it is to support it.

I recently saw a political sign in my neighborhood that said it supported "Any Sensible Adult, 2020." I urge you to be those adults.

--Regards,

--Mark Dempsey

--Vice chair emeritus Rio Linda/Elverta Community Planning Advisory Council

From: Frank Valls
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:05:06 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

The roads in Sacramento County continue to get worst each year. Traffic is worst each year. How much of your productive time is being lost stuck in traffic. We need the sales tax to improve transportation.

Thanks,
Frank Valls
(916) 397-9284 Cell

From: suk paek
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:06:20 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hello,

Law makers are keep increasing taxes. If law makers are only thinking about increasing taxes as the why of solving any issues, anyone can do the job. Please find the area where waste can be reduced and save tax money.

Even a half cent is not much at this time but tax has gone up numerous times past years without much improvements on the roads.

thanks~

STA) to tell them your thoughts on a spending plan regarding a half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation

From: daven.krestoff
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:10:17 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a Sacramento County resident, voter, and tax-payer, I strongly oppose any tax increase at this time.

Thank you,
Daven Krestoff

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Michael Davis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:12:20 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am tired of the constant proposed taxes that are supposed to fix our roads, but instead the funds are spent on trains, buses and transportation items that don't improve the roads as promised. Far more people use roads than public transportation!

First, public transportation only goes from point A to point B. People need their cars when going to a number of stops. Second, after what we've seen with the COVID virus in the New York area, people need to spread out and not be jammed together on public transportation daily.

Also, the virus did not cause as much chaos in California because people here commute in their own vehicles going to work. I hope you will wake up to our "new way of living" and if a tax is passed, make it strictly for highway and road repair. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lyla Olson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:15:58 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We taxpayers in Sacramento county cannot afford an additional tax. California is among the states with the highest tax burden on its tax payers in the US. It is time for our government to learn to handle money wisely. My husband & I are both 83. Our utilities are sky high Our family members would like us to leave CA behind and move out of state.

California was a beautiful place to live. All that is left is the climate that will grow any thing including the personal pocket books of some of our elected officials, (not necessarily local.)

Ex gov Brown is still trying to build a personal monument to himself in a train system that works well in small European countries but is not at all practical in our huge country. Transportation \$ so often end up financing his dream.

Our roads are now a mess. When I was growing up we would get together with family out of state & my parents would comment on the difference of California roads compared to the other places we visited. I am not ready to leave CA at all but it may be necessary & soon.

Sent from my iPhone. LM Olson

From: Monti Hall
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:17:27 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am against the proposed tax increase.

Monti Hall

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kent B. Nuss
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:18:14 AM

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I really don't believe now is the time for a sale tax increase when many families are suffering the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am also not a big proponent of public transportation. I feel that allowing 40% of the taxes to be diverted to public transportation is not right.

From: JOE VILLA
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:27:53 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It seems that our legislators only ever have one fix for every thing that comes up. More tax. Never does the thought of less spending come up and I guess that since it's not their money who cares? stop the give away programs! -=#\$\$%)

From: Denise
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:32:52 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Good day. Please do not raise the sales tax in Sacramento. The tax rate is already set at a high rate and it is regressive in nature.

Denise Azimi
916-719-0111

From: Doug Swenson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:38:10 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I am opposed to any additional taxes since they already added additional gas tax, my IRA declined by a significant amount since this downturn in the economy and it seems that food and rent as well as utilities keep going up, My retirement income does not keep up. Thanks for listening.

ITEM 11 STA 489

From: Cherie Faulconer
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:41:01 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please, please choose to protect our county taxpayers. We are already drowning under a flood of taxes and fees. No tax increases!

Richard and Cherie Faulconer

Sent from my iPad

From: Georgia Johnson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:45:59 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As tax payers in Sacramento County, We are totally against an increase in Sales Tax. You tell us that it will be used for repairing roads, which we desperately need, but 40% is intended to go to public transportation. Does that mean the bullet train??? Our existing public transportation is fully adequate to meet the needs of the people. We, as loyal citizens, have already had our gasoline tax dollars hijacked for other projects when that money was supposed to be used for road maintenance. Please don't let it happen!!!!

Sincerely,
Georgia Johnson
Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 491

From: Glen Croft
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:50:43 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I believe a tax increase for public transportation would be very damaging to our current economy, and I request a no vote on the tax.

ITEM 11 STA 492

From: Chris Pisano
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:51:12 AM

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Rather than increasing taxes in this post pandemic economy, all of California needs to reduce taxes to bring back a healthy economy for all.

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Sent from my iPad

From: Toni Drost
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:04:00 AM

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I am a tax paying citizen and a native Californian. I strongly object to more taxes. People are struggling to survive with no money to live. I find it very difficult to understand why public transportation should receive tax money especially the Bullet Train. People are struggling and we are now being asked again to pay more taxes for something that is not necessary. It is understandable for people who have plenty of money but should not to add to the hardships of many who lost jobs. I think it would be a selfish and self centered injustice for this tax to pass. My family has been drastically impacted by the global pandemic.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: nobody
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:10:26 AM

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I strongly disagree to Ordinance No. STA 20-001. Here's a novel idea: cut the budget. I'm exhausted from paying taxes that are not responsibly appropriated like for renovating hotels for the homeless, supporting illegal aliens, and pension spiking that is depleting resources all the while the roads in the Sacramento area are failing causing damage to my vehicle.

Lefty politicians just love taking our money and wasting it for what amounts to nothing more than virtue signaling to gain political power and larger government that takes even more from constituents and awards it to cronies.

It's enough,
Angry Tax Payer

ITEM 11 STA 495

From: Joan Medeiros
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:25:55 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am categorically OPPOSED to an increase in sales taxes in Sacramento County. At the current rate of 8.75%, it is among the highest in the State of California, up from 7.75% just three years ago. Every time these taxes are proposed, the pledge is to improve transportation in the County, with most of the money going to subsidies for unused mass transit, bicycle paths, and other "non-automobile" modes. In the meantime, our local streets and roads are a mess.

Please vote NO on this proposed ordinance.

Joan Medeiros
Attorney at Law

From: Ken LaCrosse
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:29:03 AM

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The idea that we need to increase the level of mass transit after our experience with Covid has shown that such transport is a major vector for the transmission of disease seems both ignorant and unwise. Increasing taxes at all, especially sales tax, during a time of extraordinary unemployment is adding an increased burden on those already struggling to provide for their families and shows a level of unconcern that I find truly astonishing.

Please, this is not the time for business as usual, if you must find funds I would suggest reviewing your payroll and, like so many businesses have had to do, reduce your headcount to free up those funds. The tax paying public is not a never ending spigot of gold for you to loot at will.

Ken LaCrosse
Sacramento County Resident

From: Eileen Findlay
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:34:27 AM

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Sacramento Transportation Authority
To whom it may concern:

We are writing in response to the potential half-cent sales tax you are proposing to fund our roads. We reflect on the \$\$\$millions in bond issues we have voted and paid for over the past 26years for our roads, schools and other infrastructure and see very little return for our money.

Like millions of legal taxpaying citizens, we are frustrated and tired of the tax and spend policies of California's political leaders, along with their social policies. No matter how miniscule one half cent sounds, it will merely be the beginning of more and more tax encroachments on our incomes and personal lives. No Federal Government, State, Municipal or Local tax is ever static or temporary, since Politicians have never met a tax they didn't like, regardless of how it impacts our lives and our country.

Presently people are struggling with their businesses, finances, jobs, social lives, schools, homes -- and yet Sacramento County thinks this is an 'advantageous' time to raise taxes???

We respectfully request Sacramento
Transportation Authority stop this
proposed tax and strongly oppose any new
taxes during this critical time in our
nations history.

Eileen Findlay
Craig S Fleckner
2024 Ophir Court
Gold River, CA 95670
916-853-9466

From: Erin Duggan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Courtney Simmons](#)
Subject: RE: Status of Hearings Scheduled for 6/3/2020
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:37:09 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good morning,

I have not yet received a reply. I am following up on my emails from 5/1 and 5/5 regarding hearings scheduled June 3rd for the parcels listed below. Is our attendance still required in person or is there is another method of attendance being offered. If these hearings are expected to be postponed, please provide the anticipated date we will be noticed of the postponement.

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2018	200-0220-015	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01006
2018	200-0220-010	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01007
2018	200-0220-024	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01008
2018	200-0220-023	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01009
2018	200-0220-020	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01010
2018	200-0220-016	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01011

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Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Kindest Regards,

Erin Duggan
Tax Consulting Staff

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From: Erin Duggan
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net>
Cc: Courtney Simmons <CourtneyS@pivotaltax.com>
Subject: RE: Status of Hearings Scheduled for 6/3/2020

Good morning,

I just wanted to follow up on my email from 5/1 regarding hearings scheduled June 3rd for the parcels listed below. Is our attendance still required in person or is there is another method of attendance being offered. If these hearings are expected to be postponed, please provide the anticipated date we will be noticed of the postponement.

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From: Erin Duggan
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net>
Cc: Courtney Simmons <CourtneyS@pivotaltax.com>
Subject: Status of Hearings Scheduled for 6/3/2020

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you in good health. I would like to confirm our hearings scheduled June 3rd, for the parcels listed below, still require our attendance in person or if there is another method of attendance being offered. If these hearings are expected to be postponed, please provide the anticipated date we will be noticed of the postponement.

Tax Year	APN	Hearing Date	Hearing Time	Application No.
2018	200-0220-015	6/3/2020	9:00 AM	18-01006

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Tax Consulting Staff



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From: Bruce Davis
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:41:13 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Supervisors: I have lost "all" confidence in your ability to spend tax dollars wisely. I filled my vehicle yesterday in Arizona with gas at \$1.89 a gallon; now you want more money to spend on road repairs - what about the extreme "road" taxes we already pay in California? Stop wasting our tax dollars on "failed" programs for the homeless and \$400 - \$500,000 per unit for "affordable" housing. I was in Arizona checking on my fully unsubsidized affordable housing I provide, as I have done for decades in California, Oregon, and all other Western States. If you really want some tax dollars to spend on roads get rid of your "planning and code enforcement" departments and spend that money on road improvements that actually benefit the taxpayers.

If I still have your attention, please keep reading. Your decision to completely TRASH the local economy by the stay at home order is simply illogical. Today the Bee stated 77 deaths, with a regional population of 2.4million people that means 99.9968% of the population survived ($77 / 2,400,000$). Granted the stay at home order likely saved lives, however even if the deaths increased a 100 times to 7,700 ($7,700 / 2,400,000$) this still means 99.68% survived! Please stop with the knee jerk reactions by hiring one person that can do elementary arithmetic and base decisions on facts not fears.

From: Dennis & Linda
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:45:42 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

No more taxes. You are breaking the backs of your citizens. Stop the insanity.

Linda Hill
Registered Voter
Rancho Murieta, CA

ITEM 11 STA 501

From: Jerry Matlin
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:53:35 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the recoRD)

Fix the roads. Do not spend money on public transportation. I oppose any tax increase that does not apply all revenue to fixing roads. The tax increase on gasoline was pledged to fix roads but the bait and switch process diverted money away from roads.

Gerald Matlin

3530 Hiawatha Way

Antelope Ca 95843

From: Beeby
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:10:14 PM

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So many families and neighbors have been financially decimated by the government's overreaction to the coronavirus. Many are struggling just to feed their families and keep their homes, and their battle is not over yet with the the governor's tyrannical refusal to reopen our businesses and stabilize our economy. Now is NOT the time to even consider tax increases of ANY kind. The earliest time to consider a tax increase is six months to a year after cities and counties are back to normal. All tax increases must be tabled until that time.

Todd & Marilyn Beeby

ITEM 11 STA 503

From: Lizabeth Rapadas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:13:11 PM

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From: Lizabeth Rapadas
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:17:27 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I'm absolutely stunned that Sacramento is even considering an increase to our sales tax to fund transportation. If I remember correctly, didn't we just put a large tax on our gasoline purchases to be directed to road repairs?

The Transportation Department needs to figure out what is happening to all of the revenue that has been collected. They need to balance their spending and maybe put someone in charge that can audit the financial situation.

My vote is ABSOLUTELY NO!

Libby Rapadas

From: Lena Mueller
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:20:48 PM

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I am opposed to another tax. These are very difficult times for everyone, and we don't need additional expenses imposed on us. Thank you.

Lena Mueller

From: Christine Pyle
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Christine Pyle](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:25:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I would like to Board to know I am fully opposed to another tax increase. People are struggling to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads. How can there be a positive vote from anyone for any increase at this time? I believe more effort should be placed on balancing the budget.

Respectfully,

Christine Pyle

20 year Antelope Resident

From: WILLIAMEARL2514@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sales tax increase!
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:28:17 PM

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----- Original Message -----

From: WILLIAMEARL2514@comcast.net
To: williamearl2514@comcast.net
Sent: May 8, 2020 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Sales tax increase!

No more tax increases! During a pandemic. Our leaders have not spent and are not spending our tax dollars wisely. If any of you have worked in the private sector, you have to compete to stay in business. California on the other hand doles out Money, when it is gone, simply raise tax's to fix the situation.

Here is a news flash....we are not working, we cannot pay our bills. No rents being paid, we are having trouble making ends meet already.
Raising tax's is a rediculus move.
More gas tax, more sales tax, more property tax, hey why not raise our services like garbage, sewer and electricity rates also.

Then, when we default, slap a lien on our property! If you play your cards rite, you can for-close on houses throughout the state. creating a windfall for California!

You guys can Not, Tax us into prosperity!

Thank you for listening,
William Earle

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ITEM 11 STA 508

From: Lendah Cole
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:28:56 PM

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No increase in taxes please. The taxes I already pay are to high.
Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: Becky Flint
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:33:11 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not vote for STA. The people of California, this Sacramento County, are so fed up with being taxed to death... telling us the tax is for one thing and the THING never gets done. It just goes into the coffers of the bloated self serving budget of the progressive politicians that have proven themselves over and over we can not trust any thing they say.

They have never been nor will they ever be politicians of honor but of greed and power to the point of taxing us into a socialist community. They are never put on the carpet for their unconstitutional duplicity and until the voters of this state quit voting with the attitude of "what can I get out of this for me!!!" and start thinking "more about the other guy as more important than himself... we will see our County ie State continue to deteriorate and dissolve into an ugly county ie state of people who neither love nor desire a "constitutional government of the people"

To Restore this county ie state the people need to Turn back to God and acknowledge His Hand in the making of America ie California ie Sacramento County or we will loose everything this Republic can offer of Righteousness, True Justice and the original Glory of purpose on which this Great Nation was founded.

Long answer as to whether you should VOTE for or against this burdensome sales tax increase..... I urge you to VOTE NO!!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to make this comment.

Regards,
Becky Flint
God Bless America

ITEM 11 STA 510

From: Ernst Cowles
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:49:19 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please delay this tax hike until we have a vaccine for Covid-19.

Than you.

Ellison Cowles
Rancho Murieta

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 511

From: Mary Deitch
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:54:42 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I am asking you to please not spend 40% of our transportation money on public transit. Our roads have been suffering for so long. We were taxed for it, and then taxed again. Roads are still the same. This is not what the taxes were for. We need to have the roads fixed. I month ago, I hit a pot hole that ruined one of my tires. I was forced to buy a new one. (that is after my son kindly put on the spare so I could drive home). Use the money for the roads, that is what we were supposed to be paying for.

Thank you,
Mary Deitch
6033 Canvasback Lane
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

From: Matt Spiva
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:59:51 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To whom it may concern,

This may be the worst time in the last 50 years to try and raise taxes! Virtually no one is using public transit due to the pandemic and when this is over, ridership is likely to take a long time to increase to pre-pandemic levels. What we don't need right now is a new sales tax. As small business owners begin to re-open (if they can), most will be facing huge hurdles including debt and bankruptcy. Does Sacramento want to encourage people to take their business to surrounding counties? Let's look at ways we can help our struggling businesses instead of penalize them.

Cut waste and make it work!

Sincerely,

Matt Spiva

ITEM 11 STA 513

From: Gloria Santos
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:12:25 PM

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Please do not increase any taxes in the near future! There is so much uncertainty and anxiety with the COVID, unemployment and the Trump-Admin that another tax would add to the stress. I am personally not spending due to the uncertainty in the economy, the losses I have experienced with my retirement funds in the stock market and an added sales tax would be further incentive to NOT spend. I am a senior and will never return to the work force but know that to increase the sales tax at this time is bad government and adds to the burden of us all getting through this pandemic. You are smart and creative so figure out your budget needs another way.

From: Nav
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:21:29 PM

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Hello-

I continually support improvements in our infrastructure to support our growing economy. However I believe it to be ill advised at this point in time to require an added tax to a citizenry already experiencing a substantial reduction in their cash flow due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic and resulting state government directive to close business entities.

Revenue should also be allocated more to improve the conditions of our road infrastructure. Thank you.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Navit Mangat

From: Kathleen
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA-20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:10:15 PM

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Please read out loud my following message for the public record:

Please do not raise the sales tax.

~ Kathleen Smothers

Sent from my iPhone

From: rolsen8070@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:49:43 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

While I appreciate the detail of where the “new” sales tax money will go and the requirements for accountability, I would like the same information about the current sales tax use. When each of the prior increases was passed where was the money supposed to go and where has it gone?

Thank you.

Robert Olsen

ITEM 11 STA 517

From: Christina Richardson
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:12:38 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I oppose a tax increase, which I believe will mostly go to the Drain-Train. A train that goes from a farm town to a cow town....as opposed to where it would actually be used, from Sacto to Frisco. We could have used the Drain-Train money to fix our roads and infrastructure. This is a terrible time to increase taxes. Nay I say Nay!

Sent from my iPad

From: Judy HOLCOMBE
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:22:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I have been a resident of Citrus Heights for the past 30 years. I have seen one tax increase after another and I will **not support another one!** The state of CA is one of the highest taxed states in the USA so I will not support any form of tax increased.

Judy Holcombe
7772 Guenivere Wy
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

From: Judith Bernal
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:23:34 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I disagree with this tax increase and ordinance.

- 1.This is not the time for tax increases with so many struggling due to the shutdown
- 2.With health issues at hand , confined public transportation is least viable option.
- 3.Transfer monies used for High Speed Rail which is going nowhere.
- 4.Please fix our roads. The potholes are destroying our cars.

Sincerely,

Judith Bernal

Sent from my iPhone

From: Andrea Ragan
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:33:21 PM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record

I am an employed homeowner, and strongly oppose any increase in our sales tax.

Andrea Ragan

ITEM 11 STA 521

From: tina holt
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:39:40 PM

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding a 1/2 cent sales tax increase.

I am opposed to the added tax increase. I believe that rewarding fiscal irresponsibility is counterproductive to the economic strength of the citizens who reside here.

We have experienced tax increases one after another and yet the money raised never gets spent on the public systems it was originally intended for.

It is time to tighten the belt and work with the current budgeted tax incomes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Holt
Herald CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard English
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:56:05 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO on Ordinance No. STA 20-001

NO new taxes for STA

What Regional transit needs is more riders less routes and fiscally responsible. The last thing the people of Sacramento County needs is more taxes while our streets crumbles and I have to fix your pot hole in front of my house. Roads in the county are the worse they have been since the early 1980, that is nothing to be proud of! Additionally it is costing residents more than ever in car repairs.

We are tired of receiving little or no value for the taxes we pay. I need to fix thing around my house and my employer is not giving me more money to do so. Like wise the County should make do on what you have.

As public officials you work for me and the other constituents, improve service on what you have, wise not wasteful. Yes reduce service if you must, focus on the taxpayers for a change!

We say No to this Ordinance and tax increase.

Richard English
Orangevale

ITEM 11 STA 523

From: Susan Leonard
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:09:43 PM

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No more taxes! We have paid in several ways to fix the roads and nothing has been done to fix them. The money from various taxes, etc. has always ended up going to other projects.....enough is enough. I know I will not live long enough to see our infrastructure be focused on. With that being said, as a retiree on a fixed income, we keep paying more and more for everything....please help stop this cycle!

Susan Leonard

(916) 955 5288

From: ekingram@surewest.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:45:39 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a home owner in Sacramento County I want to ask that you re-think your stance on the dedication of so much of our taxes dollars to public transportation when our roads are in desperate need of repair. Some of the pot holes that I have to navigate just to get from my home to the nearest highway are so big and deep that I am afraid to drive at night for fear that I will hit one and do serious damage to my car. As it is, dodging around these pot holes during day light hours is dangerous and makes it look like half of the drivers on the road don't have a clue how to drive.

Please fix our roads before paying for high speed rail and other projects that will only service a select few Californians rather than the majority of the population.

Eleanor Ingram, Tax Payer/Voter

From: [Terence Kilpatrick](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:48:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Terence Kilpatrick. I oppose the imposition of a one-half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation. No new taxes should be imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic. Even if the virus were not an issue, however, I would and do oppose because I am informed that more than 40% of the taxes raised would be directed toward public transit. The roads in Sacramento County are crumbling. Any and all monies raised to fund transportation should be used to repave and resurface the roads.

Recently, the County caused "speed tables" to be installed on Whitney Avenue in between Morse Avenue and Watt Avenue. This was a poor use of transportation funds. The condition of Whitney Avenue is *terrible*. Whitney Avenue desperately needs to be completely resurfaced, and it is wasteful and foolish to put brand new blacktop as speed tables there.

The County needs to get its priorities straight. We need new roads, not new taxes.

Terence Kilpatrick
3550 Watt Avenue, Ste. 140
Sacramento, CA 95821
(916) 979-7025

From: [Chuck Myers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:48:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please..... NO NEW TAXES! Not now, at least!

Chuck Myers
Gold River, CA

From: [Pamela BALDERSON](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:09:13 PM

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My thoughts are that our Country is TOTALLY MISUSING OUR MONEY....We, as "common people" must rely on our incomes to exist--mostly on the edge. And once we know OUR income, we must create a BUDGET in order to make sure that we stay "within our INCOME"--and hopefully SAVE SOME money for our futures. This is a MUST for US. If we don't keep within this BUDGET, we could loose our cars, or homes, etc. And who is caring for these "homeless" NOW???

Then, the Government comes along and decides that "they don't have ENOUGH MONEY" for their "special projects". Each YEAR, the government is suppose to create a BUDGET (as we do) given a Certain Amount of Money (TAXES on us). Yet it seems that each YEAR, this BUDGET they have "created" is NEVER ENOUGH. But are they PUNISHED for going over THEIR BUDGET??? NEVER!!!!

Instead they turn to us (the poor working class people) and "ask for more money". They figure out ways to INCREASE our TAXES; to cover their SHORTAGES. I figure, if they want OUR money; they should be MADE TO SHOW ALL OF US where they are SPENDING OUR MONEY, and why they went OVER on Their Budgets. The Government knows what we make, and basically how we spend it (through taxing us); but we do NOT hold them to the same REQUIREMENTS. They just "make NEW laws" to put more money in their COFFERS.

THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN THE GOVERNMENT CAN KNOW...

We cannot just go out and "make more money" to cover Government Mistakes. Just as we cannot just "print more money" for our desires. We must SAVE from our budgets in order to buy what we NEED. At least, this is what I have done ALL my life. I started when I was about 12, and I have been doing it ever since. So, now at the age of 70; I can live comfortably on the little I get from Social Security and my investments. I AM LUCKIER than most, I guess.

But I can still SEE that our Government is NOT learning from any of it's previous "shortages". They just keep TAXING us, and they don't care if WE LOOSE our cars, or homes, etc. In today's economy, it is even MORE important for the people we "trust with our tax money" to stay within THEIR budgets, and not just keep taking from "our SAVINGS"...

IS THERE NO END TO THIS TYPE OF SITUATION????

I don't mind paying MY property taxes (to keep our Government running well); but I MUST COMPLAIN when we are asked to pay MORE taxes on whatever we buy, or use, when WE NEED IT. If the Government continues to keep upping our taxes; then I may not be able to keep this home I have "PAID FOR IN FULL", due to the loss of

my SAVINGS. I am too old and unhealthy to work anymore, so I MUST depend on my savings to get me through the rest of my life.

I would like to ask the Government, who is going to pay my taxes, if all my money is gone? And who will PAY IN FULL for ALL the Medical and Physical help I will need? I don't know of ANY Company that would "PAY IN FULL" for all my NEEDS should I loose EVERYTHING I HAVE NOW...

It SCARES ME DEEPLY that my child, and even grandchildren may also loose all they have WORKED hard for; just to keep me alive and in a some-what comfortable place should I Loose what I AM COUNTING ON....

Haven't we been paying ENOUGH??? PLEASE, PLEASE, "people in control"; learn how to be "in control" as we MUST...We voted for YOU, we trusted in YOU to HELP US STAY SAFE...Please, show us YOU appreciate our TRUST in you....STOP THE TAXES!!!!!!!

THANK YOU--Pamela Balderson (lost my husband 6 years ago)

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: [Lillian Smith](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:16:59 PM

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A lot of money is already collected from gas taxes for roads. Apparently much of it is diverted to uses other than keeping roads in good condition. If this money is not put to its intended use, I don't believe collecting more money through a half cent sales tax would be either. The proposal shows that a huge portion of the money will not be spent on roads. Roads is where the majority of those who pay the taxes, including me, would use it most. I object to paying for someone's pet project and not a real need, better maintained roads. Despite some people's wishes to build them, the public does not use the public transit systems to the extent that they are funded.

As a citizen of Sacramento County, I urge you to stop considering this half cent sales tax proposal and to redirect more funds to road repair and maintenance.

Sincerely,
Lillian Smith

From: [Silvio Lombardi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:45:08 PM

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Concerning the proposed tax increase, my vote is NO! The public has already been duped and manipulated by previous political promises to use tax dollars for a certain project or program only to later learn that the money was not used for such programs, but instead was diverted to some other project that likely would not have been supported had we been given an opportunity to learn about it. In short, I no longer trust California politicians based upon their history of deceit and misinformation given to us voters. It is disgusting.

S. Lombardi

From: [Icanberry](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:56:02 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) During these times of crisis with a highly contagious virus, we do not need mass transit nor the taxes to expand or support such transit. More people will work from home, while others will not venture far from their homes at least until a vaccine is available. I think such a tax should not be put to a vote until said vaccine is widely available and the Covid-19 pandemic is universally considered as no longer a hazard for any demographic.

Thomas J. Icanberry
Citrus Heights

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Steven Pederson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:09:36 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Here are just a few of the reasons to NOT vote for a tax increase :

- wrong time to burden taxpayers with higher taxes
- we've had to prioritize our spending with less income – and so should our government officials
- consumers will not want to make large purchases in Sac County with such a high sales tax
- businesses and jobs will leave the County
- Sac County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes
- government needs to learn to operate like the private sector and quit spending what it wants whether the money is there or not to spend

Sincerely
Steven Pederson

From: [Gerri Bourtayre](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:34:58 PM

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I oppose increased taxes.

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From: [PAUL JONES](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:40:57 PM

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A sales tax increase at this time is not justifiable.

PM Jones

From: [Phyllis Forsyth](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:54:24 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

It is time for you to stop spending and taxing us to death. You are ALWAYS wanting more money for Transportation, and then giving it to your PET Projects, not Transportation. Same for Roads. No No No. We are sick of this stealing from our pockets to make you richer

ITEM 11 STA 535

From: [Raymond Hampson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:21:03 PM

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I support the STA 1/2 cent sales tax increase.

Raymond Hampson
Orangevale CA
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 536

From: [Janette Soncrant](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:54:08 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

With the uncertainty of real time, I suspect there will be far more urgent calls for funding in the immediate future. I am opposed to this proposal at this time.

Nancy J Soncrant

From: [Pam](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:58:35 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

This is the worst time to even entertain the idea of a tax increase. Do you not see that many people are struggling. And besides this state has too many high taxes already. I suggest you live within your means like us taxpayers do. Be fiscally responsible!! Thank you for reading my comments.

Pam Spencer
Citrus Heights

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Charles Mudd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:01:36 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Public transit?!?! Have you seen our roads? What is the matter with you? Will the residents of this county ever get what we are paying for? Or perhaps we could be San Francisco light and have a really robust social welfare system to gather as many vagrants and assorted junkies to our area?

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ITEM 11 STA 539

From: [Edward Fishkin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:16:46 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
NO new Taxes

ITEM 11 STA 540

From: [Edward Fishkin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:17:23 PM

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ITEM 11 STA 541

From: [Jeff Coggeshall](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:22:17 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) we pay too many taxes already and we pay too many Road taxes already

From: [Mat Marucci](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:18:33 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

NO sales tax increase! Things are tough enough with this pandemic and unemployment situation without adding another tax and burden on the people!

From: [Margaret Snider](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:34:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) An increase in the Sales Tax would be insensitive in the extreme, but more important would put additional hardship on a cooperative public that have been put through unusual difficulty which is still continuing and will have effects into the future.

Please do not add this further burden.

Thank you,

Margaret Snider
Rancho Cordova, California
916-208-2977

From: sdubya@tutanota.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:41:37 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We are not an under-taxed people. I reject the notion that a sales tax increase is necessary.

Kind regards,
Steve Wright

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From: mathmaestro@nocharge.zzn.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:09:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I support passage and implementation of this ordinance. In my opinion, our roads throughout our region are in dire need of upgrade. This measure addresses my concerns.

Cordially,

Jeffrey H. Horn

ITEM 11 STA 546

From: [Jim Moore](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:49:11 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

During this time of a forced economic downturn , I cannot believe this would be best time to consider a tax increase . I would think is would be best to apply the money from the last road tax that was voted in to be used for road repairs instead of a train . I have been driving in Sacramento county for 35 years . In the last 5 years as the gas taxes have increase for road repairs the roads have fallen apart from lack of proper Maintance . This tax increase touted as road repairs tax is just another money grab for special project and that will do nothing to help our roads . Write a tax that only funds road repair and has nothing to do with trains and light rail . Then you'll be making progress . Run the county like a business , spend with in your budget . The people of Sacramento county have elected you to work in their best interest , added another road tax because the other road taxes are being spent on other things is not .

Jim Moore ,
Small business Owner/ Resident
Sacramento county
Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 547

From: [Ellen Little](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:52:29 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I want you to vote no on the increased sales tax especially in this economic downturn!

From: [Rick Epperson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:14:52 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My name is Richard Epperson.

During this pandemic is not the time to make tax adjustments. It is not known what the crisis will bring and how situations will change, especially with agencies like STA.

Furthermore, the public cannot stand any more stress, uncertainty, and obstacles to overcome.

Not knowing what the future will bring and the colatical damage to the public. I believe raising the sales tax at this time would be ill advised and a great mistake.

Thank You!8

ITEM 11 STA 549

From: [jim Betzing](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:21:04 PM

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As a long time resident in Sacramento County I totally oppose any measure that allows a tax increase of any kind that goes for public transportation and any loose end that takes the money away from the intended projects which is fixing roads that we travel on to get from freeway to freeway and about the county (i.e. Madison and Greeback lane).

Gayle Betzing

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From: [Bruce Azzarito](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:39:27 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear STA,

I know you are doing what you think is best for the community in regards to transportation and traffic issues. Unfortunately 40% of a half cent increase in the sales tax will not fix the transportation problem. I am speaking from experience. I have ridden Light Rail for over seven years to commute to and from work every day. If it were not for the extreme fare discount that I and many other riders receive as State employees we would not ride Light Rail. The service is unreliable, the cars are poorly maintained and frankly some of the passengers frighten some of the ladies that ride.

I understand that this is but one piece of the transportation infrastructure. If I believed this funding would make a big difference, I would support the tax increase. Our public transportation system needs to be rebooted and a whole new plan needs to be put into place. You should start at identifying your target audience for public transportation.

In the meantime our system of roads and freeways is deteriorating. We have been promised on so many occasions that moneys would be used to repair the roads. Sadly they are getting worse and worse.

Maybe if for once you held up your end of bargain, we would support you in a new public transportation plan.

We are seriously looking into leaving California because of the continued lack of proper planning and lack of common sense solutions to our local problems.

I moved to California in 1978 for the dream that was California. For us that dream is gone. I hope you will reconsider this plan and work on fixing one thing at a time. Roads would be a good start.

Thank you for your time,
Bruce Azzarito
Folsom, CA
Brought to you by an Apple iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 551

From: [Kirk Ellis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:21:28 AM

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The sales tax inc
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 552

From: [Kirk Ellis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:29:42 AM

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I strongly object any increase of sales taxes. The money collected never goes or is spent on fixing what really needs to be repaired. California is one of the highest taxed States which Highways and roads resemble a third world country.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [mary.wright](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:40:34 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Members of the Authority,

I have recently read the twenty seven page STA spending plan regarding the half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County fo fund transportation. As a Sacramento County resident for over 60 years, it is disappointing to see once again that our citizens have requested REPAIR of roads already existing and new roads to ease congestion and of course safety issues for already established roads to be implemented. We have already approved multiple additional tax increases in the last 20 years that would cover these issues.

Your plan simply fixes roads for 5 years (1 . Is this goal realistic? 2. Will the workers be employed 24/7 holidays and weekends?) and then diverts the money for the remaining 35 years to other “pork projects”.

I see this plan and it’s implementation past the five year “fix it” as more deception that will last for the next 40 years. The design demonstrates the reason many Native Californians are leaving the state, we are tired of being lied to.

REPAIR THE ROADS,

Mary Wright

From: [Gilbert Tafoya](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:06:49 AM

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No more tax increase. You need to cut costs and make your operations more efficient. Too many management layers and not enough workers. Why does it take four or more signatures and reviewers. Service to the taxpayer needs to be restored as the top priority.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [tim.murry](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:24:55 AM

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no with the viris and all the money the federal gov. keeps giving to the state we can't even get 1 mile of dry creek rd. paved in over 10 yrs a through fare commute for many very busy as is raley bld and riolinda blvd and 1,000 taxes and laws every year how much more till you tax people out of california been here since 1967 and all democrats want is more money for the 5th largest economy in the world. More raises for the elite senators \!!!! NO more!!!

From: [Patricia Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:30:51 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Public transportation is going under changes at the present time with the current pandemic. I would urge the Board to postpone voting on this bill until we know what course of action public transportation will take. Patty Fitzgerald

ITEM 11 STA 557

From: [shirley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:54:29 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Quit raising taxes, please! We need a full audit to see where our money is going, first, get rid of waste. If a program isn't helping anyone, get rid of it! Don't continue to waste our tax dollars. Use better materials in road construction, that doesn't seem to dissolve in water! Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 558

From: [Pete R Kazak](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:57:17 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I oppose a tax for public transit.

We need to fix our roads and add bridges to reduce transportation costs from road and pothole damage to or vehicles, shorten our trips, and improve our air quality.

From: [TOM MILTON](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:31:04 AM

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- wrong time to burden taxpayers with higher taxes
- we've had to prioritize our spending with less income – and so should our government officials
- consumers will not want to make large purchases in Sac County with such a high sales tax
- businesses and jobs will leave the County
- Sac County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes
- A small percentage of Sac residents will benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax

Thomas Milton
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
inspectormilton@yahoo.com

From: [Helen Boyd](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:41:57 AM

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STOP forcing people OUT OF THEIR HOMES as you increase your own pockets and continue stripping us of our jobs and homes! Vote No on this insidious plan to increase the homeless population in CA. NO new TAX INCREASES - at any time!

Helen Boyd, Folsom, CA

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: [Bob F](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:48:28 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a Sacramento County resident, I am strongly opposed to the proposed sales tax increase. The present disparity in sales tax rates amongst surrounding counties already compels knowledgeable consumers to shop elsewhere to avoid paying Sacramento County taxes. Enacting the proposed tax would exacerbate this practice.

Regarding the use of taxes to support the STA, I believe it more prudent and potentially more productive to review the current administration of the STA and it's expenses, relative to return on current investment. Presently, fuel tax revenue is directed away from infrastructure maintenance to support the STA. This is done so at the expense of crumbling roadways countywide. The result is increased costs in vehicle maintenance, driver & pedestrian safety and attendant decay in our residents' quality of life. There is no justification for this mismanagement of fuel tax revenue.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote against increasing the Sacramento County sales tax. Especially during these stringent economic times.

Respectfully,
Bob Findlay
Citrus Heights

From: [Tyler Johnstone](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email: Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:13:21 PM

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Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority,

I fulling support the plan for Measure A ensuring Transportation Safety and Maintenance and Congestion Relief. This plan is well crafted and ensures an equal distribution of resources throughout the many areas of the county. As a longtime resident of the region, I have seen the traffic grow and grow as workers relocate to the suburbs. The traffic is such now, that we are seeing major institutions move, including CSU Sacramento to areas outside of the downtown core. There will always be the draw of K Street, Golden One Center, and the downtown labor centers, so residents will need to go into the core of the region. Expanding access with more public transit and carpool lanes encourages commuters to share their rides with others. While we can't imagine that in the current virus environment, there will be a vaccine, and we will still be going to work.

As a resident of Folsom, I don't use SacRT as often as I would because of the limited time schedule. Dual track will resolve this issue and the eventual expansion to the SMF will bring our region in line with every other major population center with public transportation to the airport. I have long had to rely on Yolo Bus systems as until recently, they were the only option for going to the SACRAMENTO airport.

Measure A is responsible spending with strong oversight and a shared burden among all residents. As our economy recovers, sales tax is the most equitable measure available to local governments.

I want to thank Supervisor Frost for bringing this critical matter to her constituents and hope she will support common sense projects that will improve the Sacramento region.

Thank you,
Tyler Johnstone

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From: [GARRY EMOND](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:17:57 PM

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i for one am tired of new taxes for fixed projects that sound good for everyone when in the long run,the money goes into other pet projects. look at the gas tax for highway improvement that just never quite made there causing other taxes to make up the defiecet . quit playing with our monies for other gains: spend the tax monies where they are needed.

From: [Ramesh Prasad](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:44:05 PM

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Absolutely no!

Learn how to make the city/county more efficient. When will this bullshit end. You want these elected positions and yesterday seem not qualified to find solutions. Any one even a child can fix all the problems if given unlimited funds.

Look at you hired department workers who are overpaid and under worked. Have you tried visiting the county offices that serve its residences? These people have no accountability - one of the most laziest of employees. Most will never be touched by any private organizations as they feel entitled. Enough is enough. You pushed for the arena - you got it - this killed the local business. You gave money to organization that did not need it. You gave millions to township nine only for that projects to be failed. Stop raising taxes and start working.

Sent from my iPad

From: [S.L.Trout](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:54:44 PM

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NO! NO! NO!

The recent massive tax increase raising the taxes on gasoline sales was supposed to be used solely for transportation projects, infrastructure repair, new roads, etc.

What is happening to THAT money?

I'M COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO RAISING ANY TAX IN SPITE OF THE CALALMITY CAUSED BY THE CHINESE VIRUS.

You people better listen up!

Respectfully,

Susan Trout

~ sick and tired of taxes ~

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 566

From: [Amy Terrell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 2:09:49 PM

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In keeping with moving our county in the direction we must ultimately go to minimize our carbon contribution to the atmosphere, please pass the sales tax increase with the intent of promoting and assisting public transportation and non-fossil fuel based transportation alternatives.

Amy Terrell
7934 Holly Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: [Cathy Lane](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: cathylane@comcast.net
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 2:26:24 PM

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Dear sirs,

We strongly object to any tax increase at this time, especially since almost 40% of it will go toward public transportation, which has been a losing proposition for years now. We NEED the terrible roads fixed. It continues to be serious problem, affecting everyone. The damage to our cars is documented. Madison Avenue, which I go up and down daily is a mess and falling apart and it is a main thorough fare. Use the money that was specified for road repairs and quit trying to charge us yet MORE taxes. Especially in this year with all the hardship already caused by the pandemic.

Respectfully,
Cathy Lane and Randy Pearce

From: Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Cathy Lane <cathylane@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Last chance to make your voice heard on the Sacramento County sales tax increase!

Cathy,

You shouldn't be clicking on any links. Just send an e-mail to this address by copy and pasting it into whatever you use to send e-mails: boardclerk@saccounty.net

Put this as the subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001

Put this at the start of the body of your message: (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Thank you!

From: Cathy Lane <cathylane@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Subject: RE: Last chance to make your voice heard on the Sacramento County sales tax increase!

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Hello there,

When I click on the link you gave me, it asks exactly the same questions, to set up an account, create password, etc....too complicated for me. Sorry, this didn't help make it easier to respond. Any other solutions?

How can I respond from my current email all set up?

Best, Cathy

From: Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Cathy Lane <cathylane@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Last chance to make your voice heard on the Sacramento County sales tax increase!

Cathy,

Here is a less automated way of doing it.

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Put this as the subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001

Put this at the start of the body of your message: (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Thank you!

From: Cathy Lane <cathylane@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>
Subject: RE: Last chance to make your voice heard on the Sacramento County sales tax increase!

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Dear Sue,

I clicked on link to reply to email, which I really want to do, to ensure my voice is heard. However, it immediately asks me to set up Gmail account, I don't want to do plus am not sure how. I just want a plain simple way to respond. This link isn't easy for me. .Is there some other way to respond? Please let me know! My husband and I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT ANOTHER TAX INCREASE AT THIS TIME!!! Especially one where 40% goes to public transit!!!!

Appreciate you're asking us to respond, just need easier link...thank you!

Cathy Lane, Randy Pearce

From: Supervisor Sue Frost <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:23 PM

To: cathylane@comcast.net

Subject: Last chance to make your voice heard on the Sacramento County sales tax increase!

Sales Tax Increase Public Comment

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Do you want a sales tax increase?

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Friends,

In Mid-March I wrote you all an e-mail to ask you write to the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) to tell them your thoughts on a spending plan regarding a half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County to fund transportation. You responded in force, with over 500 e-mails to the board.

Next week on May 14th, the final vote of STA is going to take place on this sales tax ordinance. Although I have advocated for fixing our roads, the proposal directs nearly 40% to public transit and would impose a tax increase during an global pandemic. [You can read the whole plan by clicking here.](#)

[If you want to make your voice heard about this Sacramento County sales tax increase -- click here to write a personal e-mail to STA.](#)

Due to concerns about the Coronavirus, there will be no in-person comments accepted. So the only way to make your voice heard is by clicking the link above. I highly encourage you to do so, no matter what your thoughts are.

If for some reason you have trouble figuring out how to send the e-mail, reply to this message and ask me for help.

Sincerely,

Sue Frost
Sacramento County Supervisor, District 4



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From: [Marjorie Carlson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 2:45:03 PM

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Sacramento Transportation Authority - - -

With this pandemic and all that people are going through, the last thing needed is a sales tax increase.

We are **TOTALLY OPPOSED** to any sales tax increase. **NO, NO, NO increase.**

Walter Phillips
Marjorie Carlson

From: [Beverly H. Schaedla](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:30:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

After reading your Proposed Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan...which I hear touted for road repairs....NOT

More money is going to be spent for SacRT transportation. You have been opposed in your previous attempts for more money, so now under the ruse of fixing our roads you will get your wish. Shame on you.

I realize there are many things that need maintenance, but those of us who pay the extra taxes to allow you to do the RIGHT THINGS with that money have failed so badly in the past that I feel like voting against any bill to increase taxes or sell bonds.

Due to the fact that the Rapit Transit trains usually seem fairly empty whenever I see them. Buses are also usually sparsely peopled. No wonder most people do not like to ride public transportation.....It is often not on time, it takes so much time out of a persons day to just travel from Orangevale to Sacramento proper most of us opt to drive.

The road repairs that have been done in the last couple of years (I am personally speaking from experience) are filled with 2nd rate material and the first rain washes most of the repair out and then the hole is even bigger than previous.

May I suggest that when those that are making all these wonderful ideas for improvement - that the money coming in goes into the account it is to be used for and not into the General Fund where it can be used whenever someone has a pet project. Have a 2/3 vote is a sad statement when most of the people making the decisions how to spend money, or pass any bill are of the same opinion. Most vote party line.

Thanks for listening to me - - - -

Beverly H. Schaedla

ITEM 11 STA 570

From: [Michelle Andres](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:58:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority -

I understand the importance of public transportation, but oppose your .05 cent tax increase. Our public roads need to be fixed before public transportation is expanded. Outlying areas have no access to RT. Don't try to hold the public hostage to Public Transportation - be responsible and fix our roads.

Respectfully,

Michelle Andres

From: [Leslee McDermott](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 6:09:07 PM

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I am not in favor of any additional sales taxes or funds going to public transit. We need our roads repaired which was the reason we all suffered the huge rise in cost of car registration that is not being allocated properly to the cities to repair the roads. And during the most challenging economic and personal stress caused by the COVID-19 virus, it will be a bad time to increase the taxes. And we citizens are going to have to pay back all of the money being paid to businesses and individuals who lost income through our taxes at some point to replenish the coffers.

So NO to STA 20-001

Leslee McDermott
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

From: [Warren Halset](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 6:46:26 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

May 8, 2020

To: The Sacramento Transportation Authority

I was very disappointed to learn of the proposed STA county 1/2 cent tax increase. In my view, your timing for another tax increase is reckless. We are just starting to see some day light from the Corona Virus Pandemic. Our recent unemployment and businesses shuttered have reached historic levels and the near future is looking dim for many of the smaller businesses. They may be unable to reopen. Your proposed tax becomes regressive especially for our small businesses and those who remain unemployed.

Unfortunately, the road improvement and public transit has some type of tax measure in almost every election. It was measure A and then higher fees for DMV registrations and then gas tax increase with all providing very poor results. What happened to all the tax funding?

At this time, I am opposed to any more tax increases for the Sacramento community.

Regards,

Warren Halset
Folsom, CA. 95630

From: [madmaxine6](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:37:05 PM

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I am in favor of anything that will fix the raggiest roads in the west. You go into Roseville and most of their heavily traveled roads are smooth and pot hole free. We look like the poor neighbor when you are travelling in Sacramento county. A small tax increase is cheaper than a new cad which is slowly being ravished driving over craters in the in the road. Watt Avenue is a disgrace for the capitol city. Merle Chambers
Antrlope, CA

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [mnvanden](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 10:01:39 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please, for the love of god, no more new taxes. Start using the money you have with some common sense and quit spending it like a drunken sailor. Thanks.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Billie Helms](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 1:37:12 AM

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Billie Helms, 8210 Palladay Road, Elverta, CA 95626 **I do not support the proposed STA 20-001 TAX INCREASE.** Monies have been repeatedly approved for road improvements only to be diverted to "other needs" or other locations in the County or State (regardless of accountability and transparency promises). I've lived in Sacramento County for over 70 years and this County and State has a proven record of promises broken when it comes to tax increases for specific purposes. We already have one of the highest, if not the highest, gas tax in the Country - originally the "gas taxes" were to pay for the road development and maintenance and now it is used for many other a. I absolutely do not agree with 40% of the Tax monies going to Public Transit as allocated in this Bill. Please do not vote "Aye" on this Bill. Perhaps the next iteration will include funding to help rectify two major mistakes made by Sacramento City and Sacramento County - the missed opportunities of a Light Rail route to the Sacramento International Airport and a Light Rail "Siding" with an on-campus station on the actual grounds of California State University, Sacramento. Yes, I have used Sac International A/P numerous times and continue to do so. I have also taken the public transit bus route from Elverta to Light Rail to the closest station to the University, then back on the public transit bus in order to get onto the campus! It's actually quite embarrassing to have to explain to friends, family and visitors, why our leaders continue to fail to provide Light Rail access to either of these highly used locations! In addition, every time I go to town I use 40+ year-old roads that are half completed because the "County" is waiting for State money, Federal money, Measure "A" money or a "developer" to complete them. Elverta Road in Elverta and "U" Street in Rio Linda are good examples. Every Developer pays money for their "project" roads and mitigation, unfortunately for years a great portion of these monies paid by the developers in Rio Linda and Elverta has been used elsewhere in the county and now we have numerous half completed roadways in our area. I did not see the completion any of these roadways listed in this Bill. In fact, I didn't see anything specific to the town of Elverta or Rio Linda listed at all. I would need to see the above items in this Bill for me to even consider supporting Tax increase. Please vote "NO" on this Bill.

Thank You, Billie Helms

From: [Jeff Kilty](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 7:27:39 AM

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The timing is starkly wrong for adding financial burdens of any kind from government to a society already reeling from catastrophic financial injury even if the tax burden is pushed back months or even years. Until the economy stabilizes and individuals are certain that jobs and paychecks are flattening this devastating financial curve, our public leaders should be looking for ways to ease those burdens not add to them.

Put this and any added tax hikes on hold. There will be a better time to discuss and vote on taking more money from a largely devastated an overwhelmed constituency.

Jeff Kilty

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: shorter.karen@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:57:53 AM

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Do not allocate 40% of the budget to public transportation. The existing funds were already collected through promises of fixing the roads. Keep your budget true to its intended purpose - road upkeep. In today's pandemic, public transportation is not safe and will not be sustainable for the foreseeable future. Do not burden an already frustrated and unemployed constituency with increased taxes and financial burden. It's despicable that you are pushing this tax increase during a crisis. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gerald Lumley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:31:56 AM

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NO on added sales tax!

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

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From: [w.r](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:52:21 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To the Sacramento Transportation Authority,

While upwards of 2.7 million people state wide have been recently unemployed and many others have had severe cut backs on their income due to reduced hours, now is definitely not the time for a Sacramento county sales tax increase.

Asking taxpayers to carry additional burdens on behalf of public transit is unacceptable, especially when there have been existing sources of funding for these projects. Our local government needs to scrutinize all of their finances during a pandemic and use discernment with the existing funds that are available. Public transit upgrades should absolutely be postponed in favor of higher priorities.

Before any tax increases would be approved, I would like to see what our local government proposes in the way of meaningful cuts to their budgets. As nearly all our local businesses have had to do, including the hospital where my work hours have been sharply reduced, I expect the local government that represents me to be fiscally responsible in times when incoming funds are lower than expected. Instead of continuing to pursue tax increases, I fully expect our local government to look for ways to downsize, reduce waste, freeze pay raises and halt nonessential new hires at the very least.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Rachel Meder, licensed Physical Therapist

From: [Theresa Tavianini](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:35:38 PM

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I agree with the planned sales tax increase, and agree regarding the percentage allocated to transit. There will hopefully be a vaccine sooner rather than later for Covid-19, but we are still facing the even greater disaster that is climate change, so transit will be a vital part of reducing our carbon footprint. Thank you.

Theresa Bachman-Tavianini
Sacramento

ITEM 11 STA 581

From: [merv.carson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:53:48 AM

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publicly read the following statement out loud into the record) I highly oppose any tax increase

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert 1](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: "Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001"
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:56:15 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like my voice be heard in this matter. I completely oppose raising any taxes at this time. When people are not working, businesses are artificially closed, and going out of business, you all think it's a great time to pile more burden on the people?

I believe you all need to start standing up to the state, newsome, and demand the stoppage of the tunnels, & the train to nowhere! If those projects were scrapped, all counties would have money without unnecessarily raising taxes on the people. What ever happened to the money from the newest gas tax for road projects? Start pressing the state for your share of that money!!

Enough is enough. We pay so much in taxes, for almost ZERO return. I for one am absolutely fed up with it. I fed up with seeing people who were self reliant, now reliant on government unnecessarily!

NO NEW TAXES!!!!

OPEN SACRAMENTO COUNTY, NOW!!!!

Robert Sharp

Sent from my iPhone. I apologize for any misspellings/grammatical errors.

From: [Deborah St.Clair](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:35:48 AM

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Dear Board,
Please do not add a tax increase during this time.
Deborah Stclair

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [James Cosentino](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:46:51 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hello,

I am a long time citizen of Fair Oaks. Over the last 50+ years, I have seen our roads deteriorate. I cannot accept the myriad of excuses for it. With increased housing and new roads, has come increased property and sales tax revenues. County leadership has failed to support the exponential growth in this area, and it should not come at MY expense. I drive on crumbling roads, endure increased vehicle maintenance costs such as blown or prematurely worn tires and premature failures of various suspension components, and see property values stagnant or diminished because people simply don't want to live in an area that's going down hill.

My family avoids traveling down Madison Ave as much as possible to Citrus Heights eateries and shops, preferring to go instead to Roseville or Folsom where roads and pretty much everything else is kept up. The County can't even finish the Hazel Ave project after how many years? I complain that Madison is crumbling and told that it's on list for widening some four years out. I looked at the widening project and less than half of it will be widened. What about the rest? Just an excuse by the County to make me live with it another X number of years.

I abhor taxes, but I could actually support a tax increase (although I shouldn't have to if the County hadn't chased personal whims in spending). I would write you a check for \$200 right now if needed to get our roads fixed. But after hearing that only 40% will go to roads, I'm no longer willing to see the other 60% blown on stuff that does me actually no good. No, I do not want to ride light rail, and no I do not want to ride the bus. If you pass this push this tax increase as plan, all I can say is "Thanks a lot for nothing". Just more of a reason why I won't be retiring in this area, and I'll take my retirement with me and spend it somewhere else.

Sincerely,
Jim Cosentino

From: [Hunt, Augusta](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:36:53 AM

Hello,

We are opposed to the half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County. This is certainly not the time for tax increases when so many people have been hurt financially by COVID 19. Also, we just paid \$700.00 to register our vehicle. This money should be going toward improving our transportation already. It's outrageous that you are even considering a tax increase at this time. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record).

Thank you for your consideration,

Augusta and John Hunt

From: bob545@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:38:26 AM

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Increasing taxes is not the way to balance problems. Try increasing efficiency and living within your budget. **NO** on new taxes and **NO on new taxes disguised as FEES.**

From: [Richard Hatala](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:42:01 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)stop it, now!

From: [Reginald Pascua](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:40:59 PM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record:

When will you elected officials actually listen to the people you serve? We no longer want to be taxed to death. It must be nice for all of you to be living comfortably while us, the common people, are working hard to have a better living. How can we live life to the fullest when all we do is pay and pay more taxes? I'm pretty sure most of you are thinking of ways to build a surplus of money again for this state and are concocting ways to get more money from us citizens.

Stop diverting money for pet projects and other programs that was not intended for money to be raised. For example, our stupid gas tax!

For once, do the right and ethical thing and fight for us! Our roads are horrible! Fix them first!

I sincerely hope you have a good day and make the best judgment in regards to helping your constituents. Earn the trust of those you serve and they will follow.

Respectfully,

Retired Technical Sergeant Reginald Pascua
US Air Force

From: [Darcy Marie](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:30:10 PM

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OUT LOUD INTO THE STATEMENT

I strongly oppose any and all sales tax increase. Enough is enough! We citizens are increasingly disgusted by county and state officials that do not meet our expectations of being fiscally responsible. We expect less waste and decision making that goes against our best interests. Sacramento county has ample revenue at tax payer expense....Stop wasting it! Work with what you have! We are literally being taxed into poverty...Just stop!!!

From: [Shawn and Gina](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:29:26 PM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record:

As Sacramento County residents, we vehemently oppose any new sales tax increases, now or in the future, for road repairs or transportation projects. And the idea that this is even being considered during a global pandemic is one of the most asinine things ever. As thousands of Sacramento County residents are already struggling at this time, the fact that this is up for a vote suggests your total disconnect with the people you serve. I agree that our roads are in desperate need of repair, but please turn this around on the state legislators and hold them accountable for the funds they have and are currently extorting from current and past gas and transportation taxes already in place.

Sincerely,

Shawn & Gina Brady
Rio Linda

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 591

From: [Susie and JR Lacy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:23:38 PM
Importance: High

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Please read the following statement out load in to the record

“Sacramento Transportation Authority we do not want a sales tax increase to pay for transportation.

No New Sales Tax increase!! We are in a global pandemic all while the State of CA is still essentially on LOCKDOWN. Open up our state and vote **NO on a tax increase!**

Susie Lacy
Broker/Owner
Realty World Lacy & Spadoni Inc
(916) 837-0703
Lic # 01057370 Since 1989

From: [Mel Beasley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 6:31:09 AM

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No more taxes. Taxes are to politicians as crack is to an addict.

From: [Chris Weber](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:37:45 PM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record, I beg you pleas to hold off on this tax we can not afford to work or to go out and help the business of California if we must pay so much in gas. The less gas is the more people will support their local business.

Help us get started again and not make it harder for all of California people to get back on their feet again.

Thank you,
Chris

From: [Gretchen Fau](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento County Sales Tax Increase
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:00:48 PM

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Considering the situation with COVID-19, it is not the time to raise the sales tax in Sacramento County. Many people have no or reduced income and the sales tax is already very high. Moreover, this tax will only benefit a small group of people in Sacramento County and the populace already pay for two other transportation taxes.

Please read at the meeting.

Gretchen Fair
Resident of Fair Oaks, CA

From: [Barbara Mueller](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sales tax increase
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:10:30 PM

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NO NO more tax increases. Live on a fixed income.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lucille van Ommering](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Comments: Measure A
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:31:02 PM
Attachments: [200509_LVO comments.pdf](#)

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My name is Lucille van Ommering and I have been a resident of Sacramento County since 1987. I regrettably oppose placing a new Measure A on the ballot this November.

I would like my comments to be read into the official meeting record.

I fully understand and have supported the critical role that federal, state, and local transportation funding plays in a local community's infrastructure needs. Since 1974, I have held responsible positions working at the metropolitan planning organization for the tri-state Washington DC Metro Area, managed millions of dollars of federal transportation dollars for the Southern California metro area, was a program manager at both the federal and State air pollution control agencies, and served as a Commissioner for several years on the County's Planning Commission.

I have supported numerous ballot measures to fund transportation infrastructure maintenance and enhancement projects to meet the County's growing and diverse population and economic demographic. However, I have noted with growing concern a continuing prioritization of tax revenues based on an urban-centric agenda that sacrifices the suburban needs for the eastern portion of the County. Urban density has its place, but our transportation dollars are being increasingly used to fund projects that are not cost-effective – more bike lane miles at the expense of a free flow of traffic, carpool lanes that exacerbate congestion, continuing delays for congestion improvement projects for the unincorporated areas and growing cities like Rancho Cordova, and more dollars to prop up a public transportation system that continues to show a decline in ridership and fare box revenues.

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The report's optimism for a resurging economy is unlikely shared by a majority of voters in the County. What could you possibly be thinking by proposing yet another sales tax when small businesses are bailing in growing numbers, and residents don't know how they will pay for food, rent, mortgage, utilities, or gas? This is simply not the time to place this Measure on the ballot!

Instead of placing a new Measure A on the November ballot, I urge you to take a time out and work with your counterparts at the local, State, and federal levels to make the kind of

systemic changes and reforms along the lines I have suggested. Certainly, most would agree we need to look at new infrastructure that complements a high tech society. But to commit to a funding plan and structure this year without understanding what our nation will look like after such a consequential societal upheaval, is foolhardy.

Thank you for considering my comments. I would also like to thank Supervisor Frost for her concerns about Measure A, and hope you will take them to heart.

From: [Jim Brennan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Keep "Measure A" OFF the Ballot!
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:33:02 PM

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From: Jim Brennan, Real Estate Broker, Sacramento, CA.

Per Agenda item #11 for your meeting scheduled for May 14, 2020 I request my message be read into the meeting record.

I am **opposed** to a new Measure A increasing county sales tax to 9.25%, or any sales tax increase!

All businesses subject to sales tax will be negatively impacted. Anyone who fails to grasp the economic fact that consumers will simply and easily take their business to lower sales tax counties is simply carrying an empty cluebag! Entities marketing big-ticket or high-dollar items will suffer the most dramatic negative effects as shoppers buy outside the County.

Get back to Basics! Lower taxation stimulates the economy. Higher tax rates do the opposite.

Tax and spend is folly. Fraud, waste and abuse are obvious throughout every aspect of County government. Elected officials and career bureaucrats are routinely rewarded for inefficient performance. Do not further encourage sub-standard performance at the expense of our citizens.

Stop looking to the working folks to **“pay a little more”** ... instead tighten the Counties' belt and demand every employee **“work more efficiently.”**

Respectfully,
Jim Brennan, Broker

Direct: (916) 852-6326
Mobile: (916) 730-5335

*God Bless **U***
*God Bless **US***
*God Bless **USA***

From: gunilla.tebrock
To: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Cc: Mahan.Betsy
Subject: measure "A" sales tax increase proposal
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:37:49 PM

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Re: Proposed sales tax increase ballot measure "A" by the Sacramento Transportation Authority

1. I am opposed to a sales tax being put on the ballot for the following
 - a. There are currently two existing sales taxes earmarked for transportation.
 - b. The governor has found \$75,000,000 for illegal aliens so there must be existing funding for transportation improvements already somewhere.
 - c. There are now millions of newly unemployed in the last few weeks due to the governor's lockdown executive order. An additional sales tax burden on those who must spend every penny just to keep home and hearth intact is totally inappropriate.
 - d. Only a few will benefit. I will not, yet I will be forced to pay for something I cannot/will not use.
 - e. In a time of intense pressure on personal and public budgets, the very idea of proposing an additional tax is absurd. If the citizens must practice austerity, so too must government.
2. I reside in Elk Grove, 9509 Golf Course Lane 95758
3. I request this email message be read into the meeting record ... item 11 on the agenda.

O. Tebrock

From: [JK](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A tax increase
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:13:54 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a citrus heights resident and I oppose this measure A sales tax increase. This state and county are notorious for increasing taxes and not using the money for what it was promised to be used for.

Many times over the years we have voted for increased taxes to fix roads and the roads never get fixed. Our local roads here in citrus heights are worse than I've ever seen them and I've been living here since 1993.

Please please please do not increase taxes anymore. Not only is a large majority of our people currently unemployed thanks to covid-19, but we are already the most taxed people in the entire nation. If the California government keeps raising taxes on everything you might as well just ask us to hand over our entire paychecks every time we receive them.

Sincerely,

Jessica Keane
A concerned and irritated resident

From: [Kathy Orsburn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com; [Mahan. Betsy](#)
Subject: MEASURE A!!!!
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:11:29 PM

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Hello Sirs/Madams:

I am in Sacramento County and am a widow on a fixed income and a small business owner. I oppose Measure A as we already have a high tax rate in Sacramento plus:

- wrong time to burden taxpayers with higher taxes
- we've had to prioritize our spending with less income – and so should our government officials
- consumers will not want to make large purchases in Sac County with such a high sales tax
- businesses and jobs will leave the County
- Sac County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes
- A small percentage of Sac residents will benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax

Regarding Item #11 on the Agenda PLEASE read this message into the meeting record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kathy Orsburn
2131 Gold Rush Dr
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

From: [Lisa M. Hutchin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com; [Mahan. Betsy](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:10:37 AM

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This email is regarding item #11 on the May 14th agenda. I request that you read this into the record.

My husband and I moved to Wilton, Sacramento County in 2001. Our children grew up here; two of our grandchildren were born in Sacramento. We live on a fixed income in a state that has some of the highest taxes in the nation.

We have elected to remain here to be closer to family but local government agencies make that hard to do. The cost of living here is very high. Please don't make it higher by implementing a 9.25% sales tax. All that does is burden already strapped residents, drive businesses out of the county and encourage consumers to spend their limited dollars somewhere else. Please rethink this and don't put this measure on the November ballot.

Yours truly,

Lisa and Mike Evans

From: [Patty](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email; infor@sacramentotaxpayers.com](mailto:infor@sacramentotaxpayers.com)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:36:58 AM

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I understand there is a move to increase our Sacramento Co. sales tax to 9.25%.
The people of the country have already suffered enough from the loss of jobs & business. It makes no sense when we are struggling to take more funds from the People. DO NOT put MEASURE A on the ballot. It is CRUEL !!!
Patricia O'Brien

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [JoAnn Fuller](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Need transportation!
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:27:32 PM

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In spite of the Republican Party trying to keep us from the services we really need, I support the efforts to pay for better transportation options. I'm a senior and like most of us, vote in every election! Also like many of us who soon will be unsafe to drive where we need to go, like to the doctor, shopping and for fun with friends, we need options. There are lots of us in the older northern suburbs who are aware we need public transportation for better health and safer communities, a better climate, and better access to needed services.

The proposed tax already spends less on RT than the first Measure A did years ago. We need more public transportation, not less!

JoAnn Fuller
5021 Gladys Ct.
Carmichael, CA 95608

From: ppoppler@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No More Taxes!
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 3:26:21 AM

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RE: Item 11 on the May 14 Agenda. Please read into the meeting record.

Please vote no on Measure A.

This is why:

- wrong time to burden taxpayers with higher taxes
- we've had to prioritize our spending with less income – and so should our government officials
- consumers will not want to make large purchases in Sac County with such a high sales tax
- businesses and jobs will leave the County
- Sac County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes
- A small percentage of Sac residents will benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax
- I feel we're being taxed too much and need to spend within our means.

Peter Poppler
8216 Rockbury Way
Antelope, Ca 95843

916-601-1472

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

ITEM 11 STA 605

From: ppoppler@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No More Taxes!
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 6:26:00 PM

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Liz Burke](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: No on Measure A increasing the sales tax to 9.25%
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:38:52 AM

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Dear Sacramento Transit Authority,

Refer to item 11 on the agenda for the May 14th Meeting. I request that my message be read into the meeting record.

Do not vote for Measure A increasing the sales tax to 9.25%. Increasing the sales tax at this time is absolute madness. Businesses and employees are losing money, salary and benefits due to the massive economic downturn as a result of the virus. It is the wrong time to burden everyone with a higher sales tax. It will drive businesses and residents out of the state. It will cause everyone to think twice about purchasing big ticket items. It will be a severe hardship for individuals losing jobs and income.

Elizabeth Burke
6800 Albury Street
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
916-961-2643

From: [Sue Cavallini](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO TAX INCREASE
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 8:21:59 AM

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NO TAX INCREASE - How can you do this to us? So many are struggling to have money to make any purchases. Now you want to add more sales tax?????? Please....no....

From: [Elizabeth Schinina](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:56:17 AM

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Please read the following comment out loud for the record: NO MORE TAXES. Many California families are now living on a very severe reduced income due to the pandemic and will take time to get back to normal. Fix the roads with the money already obtained with previous different tax increases and fees. Please be responsible. We do not have our salaries increased every time we mismanage our budget. Stop spending on unnecessary projects like the high speed train or the tunnel project. Please, NO more taxes.

Thank you.
Elizabeth Sanchez

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Nina Caron](#)
To: [Lucille van Ommering](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#)
Subject: Re: Comments: Measure A
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:04:30 PM

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I think it's perfect!
Nina

On Sat, May 9, 2020 at 8:30 PM Lucille van Ommering <lvo1@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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Thank you for considering my comments. I would also like to thank Supervisor Frost for her concerns about Measure A, and hope you will take them to heart.

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Nina

ITEM 11 STA 610

From: [marylou.colombo](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax increase
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:15:05 PM

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Please vote NO on the sales tax increase . This is no time to propose this with people out of work and trying to get through this lock down!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kip McGrath](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: The people of Sacramento have been overburdened with excessive taxes imposed by your overspending reckless behavior. I URGE YOU NOT TO INCREASE TAXES. We cannot afford politicians, overpaid, underworked civil servants with their outrageous benefits. S...
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:12:56 AM

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The people of Sacramento have been overburdened with excessive taxes imposed by your overspending reckless behavior. I URGE YOU NOT TO INCREASE TAXES. We cannot afford politicians overpay, underworked civil servants, unions etc. Their outrageous benefits must stop RIGHT NOW. You have destroyed the state of California.

From: [Bryan Ginter](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Vote NO On Measure A
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:05:08 AM

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Dear Board Clerk,

Pursuant to Item #11, I am requesting that this message be read into the meeting record for next week's planned meeting regarding Measure A:

The following is a nonexclusive list of reasons of why I am urging the Sacramento Transportation Authority and others to vote NO on Measure A:

1. I have been a resident of Sacramento County for approximately 20 years and I have been business owner in Sacramento County for approximately 11 years. Currently, I reside in North Natomas, where I have lived for almost 17 years. As you know, the localities in Sacramento County each have their own tax rate. Ours in North Natomas is the highest in the range at a ridiculous **8.75%**. The state where I was raised has a sales tax rate of 6%, and I believe it has been that rate since I was born through present day. Here in Sacramento, this was already raised by 1% several years ago. We don't need it raised again because government officials can't budget their spending.
2. We are already overtaxed, which makes it difficult to live in the area and to operate a business. We pay Federal income tax, State income tax, Mella Roos taxes, levy repair taxes, business license taxes, pet taxes, home alarm taxes, taxes on my business equipment, self-employment tax, gas taxes, and an already-high sales tax, just to name a few. These taxes compound and we are paying COMPOUNDING taxes. For example, we pay about 40% in Federal and State income taxes, leaving us with only 60% of what we earned. When I buy something for my business, I pay another approximate 10% in sales tax. I am then taxed yet again on the items in

my business where I already paid sales tax and used after-tax income to make the purchase. So, I am taxed FOUR times with business items (Federal income tax, State income tax, sales tax and business assets taxes).

3. Due to the above, people and business owners are leaving our state because the cost of living is too expensive.
4. With the Corona virus, there couldn't be a worse time to ask people to pay MORE money of what little money they have to survive. For example, my business is suffering due to the economic shutdown that is resulted from the Corona virus and I need all the funds I can to pay my business expenses and to support my family. Increasing taxes will only hurt everyone who is trying to survive in these difficult times. Isn't it common sense to not take more money from people who are forced to earn less money??
5. Due to most of us earning less income, the people have been forced to prioritize their spending, such as for food, house bills/shelter and other bare essentials. Government officials should be doing the same. Measure A is the government officials' easy way out...at the expense of the people, and this is not fair to the people. Government should be budgeting just like all of us. I'd like to have more money too for various things, but I can't just force people to give me more money. The government should be no different, and the officials should be running our government like a business, just like I do.
6. Consumers and businesses will look to other areas that have less sales tax to make their purchases, especially large ones. I have already done this myself due to the fluctuating sales tax rates in the various Sacramento County areas.
7. As I alluded to above, business and jobs will leave the County. I personally know people that have already expressed an interest in moving to another state because of

California's already-high taxes, or they have already done so. The same will happen on a county level. I even know someone who said he had to move from my area in North Natomas because of excessive taxation.

8. We are already paying for two other transportation taxes.
9. Proportionally speaking, there is only a small percentage of Sacramento residents that will benefit from the projects being outlined for Measure A.
10. In voting for years, I see these various measures go on the ballots. They are written to focus on all the "great" things they will provide...better transportation, better roads, better schools, better water, and the list goes on. What people don't seem to understand is how these things will get paid. Politicians and lobbyists sell the cost by what is perceived to be a "small" tax. However, once these are approved, they almost never revert. And, they all add up, hurting the hard-earning taxpayers.

In summary, Sacramento residents are already over-taxed. Increasing taxes will only hurt residents, particularly during these tough economic times. I am hopeful that I see future measures to DECREASE our taxes so the cost of living in our area is more manageable.

FOR THE PEOPLE, PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE A!

Regards,

Bryan Ginter

Family Law Attorney & Mediator

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From: [Linda Arrowwood](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: sue@suefrost.net
Subject: Measure A public comment
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:50:00 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please read this email “out loud into the record” as a public comment.

In regards to the countywide measure, known as the “new Measure A”, I urge you all to vote no and to any other tax increase at this time of uncertainty and scarcity. The Coronavirus pandemic has left the entire country in a situational pause and to create a new tax that would last for decades is irresponsible.

We have businesses that haven’t opened up. Employees who have no income. Schools struggling with on-line instruction (who are doing the best they can with the resources that they have), health care issues and numerous other resident related problems that should be dealt with before transportation and roads.

As a resident of Citrus Heights for the last 22 years, I have seen many changes, most were good and some were poorly planned.

Please don’t pass this poorly planned measure. Vote no.

Linda Sue Arrowwood
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Citrus Heights CA, 95621
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From: jennifer_wagster
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](mailto:Clerk_of_the_Board_Public_Email)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](mailto:Mahan_Betsy); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Measure A tax increase
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:26:40 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today in regards to the proposed tax increase in Sacramento County, raising our sales tax to 9.25%.

Most importantly, this is the wrong time to even consider increasing the sales tax in this county and on top of that, burdening the tax payers like myself with another increase to the ungodly amount of money it already costs to live in this once great state. People are barely surviving as it is, and with no reprieve in sight, we are already carrying the constant financial worries that have been thrust upon the majority of us by politicians that have no true concern for any of our well being.

People are dealing with so much right now, there are so many people who have lost their jobs, lost loved ones, and are in dire situations when it comes to paying their bills and providing for their families. It is not only selfish, but irresponsible, at a time like this, to even take into consideration for a moment that a tax rate increase is appropriate right now. We, as citizens, have had to suffer enough because of the spending habits of the people who lack basic math skills such as adding, yet somehow are finding their way into politics, and worse than that, they are being allowed to make decisions on our behalf, when they are not even qualified to make decisions for themselves.

Every time there is any kind of a situation, that results in a short fall in budget, the first thing that is always done, is find something to raise the taxes on. Without fail, this happens every year and it has to stop. Californians can not afford to be taxed to death so that the people who are making bad financial decisions can continue their behavior and suffer no consequence for their own actions. It can not continue to be the responsibility of everyone else to make up for the fact that the budget will not balance, or we gave too much money to Illegal Immigrants, or the politicians got a raise this year when they certainly did not deserve one.

This state needs to get itself in check and stop the mindless and inappropriate spending that is falling on the shoulders of the tax payers at the end of the day. Stop using the fact that people have to buy necessities as a way to make more money for yourselves. For once, do the right thing and do not punish those of us who can not afford to live as it is because others can not figure out that you can not spend what you do not have.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Wagster
Sacramento, Ca.

From: [lia miller](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 10:22:05 PM

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Raising taxes and putting it toward transit will not force people off the roads we have a choice of how we get somewhere. We also have the right to say how our money is spent. This tax is an attempt to bail out the transit system. Which is not profitable, and is poorly run. Do not pass this tax. (Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 616

From: Scott Cash
To: info@sanjose.gov
Subject: info@sanjose.gov
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 7:06:41 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

The last thing this County needs right now is an increase in taxes, sales or otherwise.

We all know how much waste is found every time we hear about an audit, it's embarrassing.

Do the right thing. This time audit yourself and show you can govern these organizations.

Lastly, please look at the pictures attached and tell yourself how many things are wrong with these pictures (Hint, it was taken just a few days ago, during the Covid 19 crisis.)

Do not approve any more taxes!

Where can cuts be made? Think!

Respectfully,

Scott Cash

Taxpayer



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Scott Cash](#)
To: [Mahan. Betsy](#); info@saccountytaxpayers.com; [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Focus on cutting expenses
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:32:04 PM

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Subject: Focus on cutting expenses

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The last thing this County needs right now is an increase in taxes, sales or otherwise.

We all know how much waste is found every time we hear about an audit, it's embarrassing.

Do the right thing. This time audit yourselves and each department of the County and show you can govern these organizations.

Lastly, please look at the pictures attached and tell yourself how many things are wrong with these pictures (Hint, it was taken just a few days ago, during the Covid 19 crisis.)

Do not approve any more taxes!

Where can cuts be made? Think!

Respectfully,

Scott Cash
Taxpayer





Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jonathan Dowdy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 2:41:07 AM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record

I am an employed homeowner, and strongly oppose any increase in our sales tax.

Jonathan Dowdy

ITEM 11 STA 619

From: [Lance Haley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:07:06 PM

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Members of the board,

I am a Sacramento City/County tax paying home owner and resident. I reside at 15 Sunny Hollow Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. I do not wish to have another sales tax increase to be placed on the November 2020 ballot. I will not vote yes on any proposal to increase an already high sales tax. I refer to item #11 on the Agenda and request that my message be read into the meeting record.

Lance Haley

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Bruce Mizer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: no to increased sales tax
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:21:45 PM

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This is not the time to slap consumers while they are suffering from the economic disaster required to fight COVID.

I live and work in Sacramento County (outside of any incorporated city.)

Bruce E. Mizer

ITEM 11 STA 621

From: [Ronald F. Gostage](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:40:18 PM

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(I do not want a sales tax increase if at least 80% of it goes to street improvement.)

Ronald Gostage

From: [William DuVal Jr.](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:41:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I do not approve of any increase to the county sales tax.
William C DuVal Jr
15144 Brillar Ct.
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

From: [Brandon Schinina](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:23:40 PM

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I am all for the renovation and construction of roadways in the area, however, there has already been multiple tax increases that say they would do such thing, yet many of the roads are still in desperate need of repairs. An increase in sales taxes by any means would just add more strain to local families while continuing to neglect the said purposes of said tax increases. We're at a strange time now where everyone is under mounting pressure. My family and I have been very fortunate throughout our many decades in California and in Sacramento, but now we're very close to hitting the bottom of the barrel financially due to the covid-19 outbreak. We simply cannot afford anymore tax increases at this time. Normally, we would be all for it, if it has some benefit to our community, but to increase the taxes now when many people are struggling to get by is simply inconceivable and outright detrimental to many people. At least wait until a new normal has been established before making any risky moves during a time of change such as what we have before us now.

ITEM 11 STA 624

From: [John Wessman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:44:40 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)
Stop, No new Taxes

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 625

From: dearjin@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:10:32 PM

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I strongly oppose this sales tax hike due to the economic devastation caused by the Corona Virus. People are out of work, unable to buy food, medicine, etc. Raising any tax at this time is like kicking a man when he's down. We need time to recover physically and financially. Please do not allow this to pass.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: [Nava, Lisa](#)
To: [Evans, Florence](#); [McClain-White, Renae](#); [Bishop, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Please Vote "NO" On Measure A
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:43:00 AM

For the record

From: Bryan Ginter <bryan@ginterfamilylaw.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Supervisor Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>
Subject: Please Vote "NO" On Measure A

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Hello Mr. Serna,

In North Natomas, we already have the highest sales tax rate out of all the regions in Sacramento Country, at a hefty 8.75%. This is in addition to all the other taxes that we pay, including, but not limited to, Federal income tax, State income tax, Mella Roos taxes, levy repair taxes, business license taxes, pet taxes, home alarm taxes, taxes on my business equipment, self-employment tax, gas taxes, and an already-high sales tax, just to name a few.

Particularly during these difficult economic times, taking more money from people's already-reduced hard-earned income will only hurt them, not help them. All the taxes add up, and some of them compound on each other, all to the detriment of consumers/taxpayers (significantly increasing their cost of living) and to business owners (significantly increasing their operating costs). I know people who have left California or are in the process or thinking about leaving California due to the excessive taxes. I even spoke to someone within the last week who said he moved out of Natomas because of the additional taxes we pay in our area on top of the already-high 8.75% sales tax, including the Mella Roos taxes and the levy taxes. I would like to see the opposite in future measures...a reducing our taxes. We all need to prioritize our spending and budget ourselves, and our government should be no different.

I ask that you please vote “NO” on Measure A in the upcoming STA meeting.

Regards,

Bryan Ginter

Family Law Attorney & Mediator

GinterFamilyLaw.com

(916) 419-1160

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From: arcatianfarms2@frontier.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy; info@sacramentotaxpayers.com](mailto:Mahan.Betsy@info@sacramentotaxpayers.com)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:20:17 AM

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Dear Sacramento Transit Authority and Board of Supervisors;

This note is sent in reference to Item #11 on your agenda and I request that it be read into the meeting record.

As a resident of Sacramento County for over 44 years (Wilton) this message is sent hoping you will have enough common sense and sensitivity to NOT ADD ANOTHER SALES TAX INCREASE to the November ballot!

I own property in the city limits of Sacramento, part owner of a warehouse on Power Inn Road and my home in Wilton. I am disgusted over the gas tax that was supposed to repair the roads but has somehow been used for other projects such as the "train to nowhere". We are currently paying for two transportation taxes, but now you want more.

Anyone checked the condition of Clay Station lately?

The schools were financially hurting before this Covid-19 government mandated a stay at home shutdown on our economy. Many people are feeling extreme stress from job losses or furloughs regarding paying their bills, having enough food and what their future holds. The economy is experiencing a recession worse than I have ever experienced – this is not the time for any tax increase.

Measure A, if passed, will increase our sales tax to 9.25% and that will affect EVERYONE, but only a very tiny number of individuals will "benefit". I do not see any good fortune regarding an increased sales tax that "will improve existing local roadway conditions for motorists, maximize previous infrastructure investment by supporting a more efficient transportation system that better connects the existing network to development along roadway and transit corridors". Already designated as part of Elk Grove's 10.99% is money for the trails: Laguna, Elk Grove Creek, Powerline, Stone Lake and their maintenance and rehabilitation. Folsom has a part of its 5.29% designated for its Folsom Lake State Recreational Area Trail Projects. (State?) Galt needs a portion of its 1.70% to work on a Bicycle Master Plan implementation and Isleton wants EV charging stations and safety lights for its Tower Park. Sacramento County is asking for improvements to its rural road shoulders while the City of Sacramento wants an American River Bridge to South Natomas and a Broadway Bridge over the Sacramento River, among many other plans. Not mentioned in the previous sentences is amount designated for "support of a Local Transportation Management Agency".

It's time for fiscal responsibility, frugality, balancing the books and accountability.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Luellen
12357 Peach Lane
Wilton, CA 95693

From: [Andrew Levy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sale tax increase
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:48:46 PM

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We don't increase in sale tax

From: [Dan M](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:49:54 PM

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I oppose the current tax increase. If a tax increase is proposed in the future, I would favor the majority of the increase go to fixing roads.

Thank You,

Dan McCarthy

From: [Dana](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: "Public Comment Ordinance STA 20-001"
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:15:29 AM

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Please read the following statement out loud into the record

Hello,

I support public transit but not how it is done in most of the United States. Therefore, I do not support this ordinance to increase taxes during a global pandemic where as business and the people are already suffering great losses.

What we do need is for our roads to be fixed, after all we already pay a higher tax for this and yet nothing is being fixed! It is time for the county start repairing our roads as they are becoming worse every day. Perhaps when the pandemic has come under control and we return to a new normal, then we can visit this. This is not the time to do this!

Dana Preston,
Business owner, voter, Democrat.

From: [Edith Thacher](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:31:38 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot.

I support the Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 as it generates public revenue for fixing our roads, making our streets safer for all, and modernizing our mass transit and rail system. The proposed measure's expenditure plan is well suited to support jobs recovery, space for physical distancing, and affordable transportation.

Please adopt the final Ordinance and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot. And then, let the voters decide.

Respectfully,
Edith Thacher
Natomas, CA
May 12, 2020

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Edith Thacher

916-397-2941

From: [Lisa Howard](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ask Board of Supervisors to let voters decide on transportation tax
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:17:11 PM

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I am writing to express my support for Agenda Item #11 at this week's meeting: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot.

This week, mayors from major cities around the world, representing approximately 700 million people, vowed not to return to "business as usual" as we recover from the COVID-19 crisis. The C40 Global Mayors COVID-19 Recovery Task Force is chaired by the mayor of Los Angeles and supported by the mayor of San Francisco and mayors from 35 other large cities. These cities recognize that the recovery "above all, must be guided by an adherence to public health and scientific expertise, in order to assure the safety of those who live in our cities."

We have seen the dramatic difference in air quality that occurred in our state and around the world as people stayed home and less traffic was on the road. Blue skies returned to our area, providing healthier air quality for all Californians. Clean air saves lives, and one way we can achieve cleaner air is to support public transportation so there are fewer cars on the road.

You have the ability to adopt Ordinance No. STA 20-001 and ask the Board of Supervisors to place a 1/2 percent sales tax on the ballot in November. This measure, if passed, will allot 40% of the raised revenue to public transportation.

By adopting this ordinance and asking the Board of Supervisors to place it on the ballot, you are giving power to the voters and allowing them to say whether they are willing to pay this price for cleaner, healthier air. Voters deserve the chance to speak. Please adopt Ordinance No. STA 20-001.

Thank you.
Lisa Howard

From: [Nava, Lisa](#)
To: [Evans, Florence](#); [McClain-White, Renae](#); [Bishop, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Regarding Measure A - Sacramento Transportation Authority
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:57:18 PM

For the Record

From: Bruce Lee <bruce.lee.sta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Supervisor Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>
Subject: Regarding Measure A - Sacramento Transportation Authority

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Dear STA Director Phil Serna:

Let me introduce myself please. I am Bruce Lee, President of the Sacramento Taxpayer Association (SacTax), and I wanted to connect to encourage you to vote NO on Measure A this Thursday at the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board Meeting. SacTax is an organization designed to monitor local government and to represent the interest of taxpayers in the conduct of governmental affairs.

Members of the Sacramento Taxpayers Association are opposed to Measure A for a variety of reasons; but above all, Sacramento County residents are struggling to keep their heads above water due to COVID-19 pandemic, along with its resultant shut down of the economy, and the last thing they need is another tax increase.

Sacramento County paid for polling that clearly indicated that the citizens would be willing to vote for a tax increase **if the funds were primarily used to fix the roads**. However, that polling was completed prior to COVID-19, and unfortunately only about 20 percent of Measure A dollars would be spent "directly" on roads over the next 40 years. Our roads are currently deteriorating at an accelerated rate that will significantly outpace funding for repairs from Measure A -- and that's without even considering the likely downward adjustments for projected revenues due to COVID-19 and a slower economy.

Frankly, taxpayers are LIVID about the proposed Measure A. As just one example, *below is a well thought out memo of opposition by one resident, Attorney Bryan Ginter, whose forwarded message was sent to me. He outlines numerous rational, well spoken reasons for opposing Measure A.*

"----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Bryan Ginter" <bryan@ginterfamilylaw.com>
To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Sent: 5/9/2020 11:04:58 AM
Subject: Vote NO On Measure A

Dear Board Clerk,

Pursuant to Item #11, I am requesting that this message be read into the meeting record for next week's planned meeting regarding Measure A:

The following is a nonexclusive list of reasons of why I am urging the Sacramento Transportation Authority and others to vote NO on Measure A:

1. I have been a resident of Sacramento County for approximately 20 years and I have been business owner in Sacramento County for approximately 11 years. Currently, I reside in North Natomas, where I have lived for almost 17 years. As you know, the localities in Sacramento County each have their own tax rate. Ours in North Natomas is the highest in the range at a ridiculous **8.75%**. The state where I was raised has a sales tax rate of 6%, and I believe it has been that rate since I was born through present day. Here in Sacramento, this was already raised by 1% several years ago. We don't need it raised again because government officials can't budget their spending.

2. We are already overtaxed, which makes it difficult to live in the area and to operate a business. We pay Federal income tax, State income tax, Mella Roos taxes, levy repair taxes, business license taxes, pet taxes, home alarm taxes, taxes on my business equipment, self-employment tax, gas taxes, and an already-high sales tax, just to name a few. These taxes compound and we are paying COMPOUNDING taxes. For example, we pay about 40% in Federal and State income taxes, leaving us with only 60% of what we earned. When I buy something for my business, I pay another approximate 10% in sales tax. I am then taxed yet again on the items in my business where I already paid sales tax and used after-tax income to make the purchase. So, I am taxed FOUR times with business items (Federal income tax, State income tax, sales tax and business assets taxes).

3. Due to the above, people and business owners are leaving our state because the cost of living is too expensive.

4. With the Corona virus, there couldn't be a worse time to ask people to pay MORE money of what little money they have to survive. For example, my business is suffering due to the economic shutdown that is resulted from the Corona virus and I need all the funds I can to pay my business expenses and to support my family. Increasing taxes will only hurt everyone who is trying to survive in these difficult times. Isn't it common sense to not take more money from people who are forced to earn less money??

5. Due to most of us earning less income, the people have been forced to prioritize their spending, such as for food, house bills/shelter and other bare essentials. Government officials should be doing the same. Measure A is the government officials' easy way out...at the expense of the people, and this is not fair to the people. Government should be budgeting just like all of us. I'd like to have more money too for various things, but I can't just force people to give me more money. The government should be no different, and the officials should be running our government like a business, just like I do.

6. Consumers and businesses will look to other areas that have less sales tax to make their purchases, especially large ones. I have already done this myself due to the fluctuating sales tax rates in the various Sacramento County areas.

7. As I alluded to above, business and jobs will leave the County. I personally know people that have already expressed an interest in moving to another state because of California's already-high taxes, or they have already done so. The same will happen on a county level. I even know someone who said he had to move from my area in North Natomas because of excessive taxation.

8. We are already paying for two other transportation taxes.

9. Proportionally speaking, there is only a small percentage of Sacramento residents that will benefit from the projects being outlined for Measure A.

10. In voting for years, I see these various measures go on the ballots. They are written to focus on all the "great" things they will provide...better transportation, better roads, better schools, better water, and the list goes on. What people don't seem to understand is how these things will get paid. Politicians and lobbyists sell the cost by what is perceived to be a "small" tax. However, once these are approved, they almost never revert. And, they all add up, hurting the hard-earning taxpayers.

In summary, Sacramento residents are already over-taxed. Increasing taxes will only hurt residents, particularly during these tough economic times. I am hopeful that I see future measures to DECREASE our taxes so the cost of living in our area is more manageable.

FOR THE PEOPLE, PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE A!

Regards,

Bryan Ginter

Family Law Attorney & Mediator
GinterFamilyLaw.com"

And, there are thousands of taxpayers just like Mr. Ginter. Taxpayers paid for polling that sent a clear message it was a bad idea, and hundreds of comments of public opposition have been sent to you via the STA. It doesn't make sense to spend more taxpayer dollars to put Measure A on the ballot when it's obvious the citizens are not going to approve it.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter, and for your leadership on behalf of our citizens. If the Sacramento Taxpayers Association or myself can be of value to you, please let me know.

Best regards,

--

Bruce

W. Bruce Lee, President
Sacramento Taxpayers Association
Bruce.Lee.STA@gmail.com

*The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of larger ideas, never returns to its **original size**.*

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

From: gsloang@surewest.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A on November 2020 ballot
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:15:16 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

To: Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Board Clerk

Subject: Measure A on November 2020 ballot

As a taxpayer and homeowner in Sacramento County, I think placing Measure A on the November 2020 ballot is a very troublesome idea. Measure A will increase our sales tax to 9.25%.

I refer to Item #11, on the May 14, 2020, Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) Agenda:

Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot.

- Because of the COVID 19 pandemic and the “Shelter In Place” order, many Sacramento County homeowners and businesses have had an extreme loss of income. It is the wrong time to burden them with higher taxes.
- Our county taxpayers are already paying for two (2) other transportation taxes.
- Consumers will be very reluctant to make large purchases in Sacramento County with this additional tax increase.

Again, placing Measure A on the November ballot is not a reasonable idea.

I request that this email be read into the May 14, 2020 meeting record.

Regards,

Barbara Sloan, Orangevale CA resident

From: [Heather Masten](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:18:59 AM

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Dear STA Board Members,

I am a resident of Sacramento County and I live in the North Natomas area. I am deeply concerned about Measure A being put on the Ballot this November. Now is not the time to place burdensome taxes upon the backs of Sacramento County residents. Particularly with the massive loss of jobs that is actively happening right now due to the State being shut down for over 8 weeks because of the Coronavirus, do you really believe it wise to now burden residents with a higher tax? Residents have to live within their own household budgets I think government officials should be required to do the same. Sue Frost, Vice Mayor Garret, Vice Mayor Steve Miller, and Patrick Hume are not my Representatives but I want to thank them for taking a stand and opposing Measure A. I hope my Representative Phil Serna will have the courage to do the same. I am asking that my letter be read into the meeting record. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Heather Masten
Resident of North Natomas

From: [Jeanmarie Morse](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: More Taxation
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:01:41 PM

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What is wrong with you people? Spend and tax spend and tax, we're sick of it!

I agree with all the bullet points below.

- wrong time to burden taxpayers with higher taxes
- we've had to prioritize our spending with less income – and so should our government officials
- consumers will not want to make large purchases in Sac County with such a high sales tax
- businesses and jobs will leave the County
- Sac County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes
- A small percentage of Sac residents will benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax

From: [Catherine Cook](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No Sales Tax Increase !!
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:35:49 PM

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Now is a horrible time to raise sales taxes when businesses are on the brink of bankruptcy!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shirley Meloy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001/ Item 11 on the Agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:46:57 PM

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Representatives,

I do not want a new Measure A increasing sales tax to 9.25% put on the November 2020 ballot.

Please have my reasoning that we are already paying for two other transportation taxes read into the meeting record.

Thank you,

Shirley Meloy of Sun City Roseville, South Placer County

From: [Stephen Pierce](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:18:11 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Our taxes are already among the highest in the country. You must not raise our county sales tax any more.

It appears to just not be in your DNA, but I wish I knew of a way to require you to cut programs or portions of programs instead of incessantly raising taxes. You need to be forced to operate within your means.

Stephen Pierce
Citrus Heights

From: [Jason Krestoff](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:01:58 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Due to the current pandemic, medical experts have cautioned the use of public transportation and many fear using public transportation.

Further our county will suffer a significant economic short fall this year due to the pandemic. If the sales tax must be raise, spending the money on road projects would be best for the county

Road project would bring in workers who could spend funds in the county thus boosting the counties' revenue.

Large purchase on public transportation sends money out of the county and provides no guarantee that the new purchases will be used in the current environment.

Jason A Krestoff

From: [Devon Vanek](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:28:58 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Dear Sir: I am definitely in favor of the sales tax to improve transportation in our county, both for public and private needs. I feel it would be a small sacrifice for the benefits that would come to each of us as taxpayers.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Devon Vanek
Citrus Heights
devonvanek1951@gmail.com

ITEM 11 STA 642

From: [Jim Happs](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:10:14 AM

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I am a retired Sr. on a fixed income and lost my part time job due to the Covid-19 virus. This is not the time to be raising transportation taxes that will have little benefit to those living in the unincorporated areas.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Jim Happs
6015 Almond Ave
Orangevale CA 95662

ITEM 11 STA 643

From: [Craig Collins](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:22:54 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

As a long time resident of the local area, I urge a no vote to another tax increase and keep the road maintenance money directed to road repairs. Thank you. Craig Collins

From: [DeAun Deckwa](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:35:14 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Please do not vote for a tax increase on May 14. I am in favor of fixing the roads. I have a son who works in that industry and needs the work. But, the money never goes where it is supposed to. It will not go to roads: it will just be another tax increase.

DeAun Deckwa
Citrus Heights

ITEM 11 STA 645

From: [Shari](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:43:10 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Due to the State of California having the highest taxes in the USA, I vote no on any taxes. The tax burden on all residents especially in these uncertain times would cause further hardship.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dale Paige](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: JSchenirer@cityofsacramento.org; shansen@cityofsacramento.org; eguerra@cityofsacramento.org; jsharris@cityofsacramento.org; corrprincess@ardennet.com; [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); ggatewood@cityofranhocordova.org; [Darren Suen](#); [Will Kempton](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Susan Peters](#); jburrows@cityofsacramento.org; dsteinberg@cityofsacramento.org; smiller@citrusheights.net; phume@elkgrovecity.org; psandhu@cityofgalt.org
Subject: Public Comment for STA 5-14-2020 BoD Meeting Agenda Item 11
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:20:23 PM

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot

As we deal with the setbacks and emotions of covid-19 we should not lose sight of the dawning of the economic recovery. When passed the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan will allow new project work to be combined with existing project plans to accelerate local construction work on critical projects. This will quickly get the county's economy moving again, providing repaired and complete streets, and needed transit improvements and efficiencies to carry us into a better future.

Give the county voters the chance to say yes in November.

This expenditure plan represents a compromise between many factions, none of who got 100% of what they wanted; invoking that folk definition of a good compromise.

Adopt the final Ordinance No. STA 20-001 including the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot.

Thank you,
Dale Paige
Carmichael CA
May 11, 2020

From: [Tim McMahon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for STA May 14 Meeting Regarding Agenda Item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001...."
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:15:54 PM

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Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority Board Clerk,

Below is my public comment regarding agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001..." of the Sacramento Transportation Authority May 14th meeting agenda. Please read my comment into the meeting record.

Thank you,

-Tim

Dear Transportation Authority Board Members,

Please vote ***NO*** on agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot."

I ask you to vote ***NO*** for the following reasons:

1. It is unconscionable to contemplate a tax increase while in the midst of an economic calamity that may rival the Great Depression and has to date put almost 4 million Californians out of work.
2. Sales taxes are highly regressive having a disparate impact on the residents of our community that can least afford it.
3. Just as citizens must manage their budgets for difficult times, government entities need to do the same.
4. Sacramento County sales tax is 500 basis points higher than most of its neighboring counties, inciting residents to shop in neighboring counties. Raising Sacramento County sales tax an additional 500 basis points would further exacerbate this problem.
5. High taxes and tax increases have a deleterious effect on business formation/retention and job creation/retention in the county.
6. Sacramento County residents are already paying at least two transportation taxes.
7. The projects outlined for the new tax would have a disparate benefit on those that pay the tax, with a small percentage reaping most of the benefits.

For these reasons I ask you vote ***NO*** on agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot."

Thank you.

Tim McMahon
Rancho Cordova resident

From: [Glenda Marsh](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [JSchenirer@cityofsacramento.org](#); [shansen@cityofsacramento.org](#); [equerra@cityofsacramento.org](#); [jsharris@cityofsacramento.org](#); [corrprincess@ardennet.com](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); [ggatewood@cityofranchocordova.org](#); "Darren Suen"; "Will Kempton"; [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Susan Peters](#); [jburrows@cityofsacramento.org](#); [dsteinberg@cityofsacramento.org](#); [smiller@citrusheights.net](#); [phume@elkgrovecity.org](#); [psandhu@cityofgalt.org](#)
Cc: "JoAnn Fuller"; [dickinson31@comcast.net](#); "suzy murray"; "Kat Gray"; "Steve Cohn"; "Dale Paige"; "Emel Wadhvani"; "GNNNA"; [Duerr, Jacquolyn](#)
Subject: Public Comment from SMART: STA Board meeting May 14, Item 11
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:34:11 PM
Attachments: [SNR Essay Let Voters Decide -May 2020 Final.pdf](#)

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Members of the Sacramento Transportation Authority Board:

Sacramento Metro Advocates for Rail and Transit (SMART) supports completing the process for the proposed Measure A by adopting the proposed Measure A Ordinance so that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors will later have the opportunity to weigh the decision to place the measure on the November 2020 ballot. Please find attached our essay recently submitted to the Sacramento News and Review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glenda Marsh

Sacramento Metro Advocates Rail and Transit

From: paula@gptconstruction.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment Ordinance 20 STA 2020
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 1:43:39 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

To Whom It may Concern,

I object to the Proposed Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan.

Sincerely,
Paula Thomas
Sacramento County Resident

From: [Will Kempton](#)
To: [Dale Paige](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comment for STA 5-14-2020 BoD Meeting Agenda Item 11
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:20:44 AM

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Thank you, Dale. I have forwarded your comment to the Clerk of the Board for distribution to members of the Authority.

From: Dale Paige <dale.w.paige@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:20 PM
To: boardclerk@saccounty.net
Cc: JSchenirer@cityofsacramento.org; shansen@cityofsacramento.org; eguerra@cityofsacramento.org; jsharris@cityofsacramento.org; corrprincess@ardennet.com; Patrick Dennis Kennedy <SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net>; Phil Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>; Don Nottoli <nottolid@saccounty.net>; ggatewood@cityofranchocordova.org; Darren Suen <dsuen@elkgrovecity.org>; Will Kempton <will@sacta.org>; SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net; Susan Peters <susanpeters@saccounty.net>; jburrows@cityofsacramento.org; dsteinberg@cityofsacramento.org; smiller@citrusheights.net; phume@elkgrovecity.org; psandhu@cityofgalt.org
Subject: Public Comment for STA 5-14-2020 BoD Meeting Agenda Item 11

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot

As we deal with the setbacks and emotions of covid-19 we should not lose sight of the dawning of the economic recovery. When passed the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan will allow new project work to be combined with existing project plans to accelerate local construction work on critical projects. This will quickly get the county's economy moving again, providing repaired and complete streets, and needed transit improvements and efficiencies to carry us into a better future.

Give the county voters the chance to say yes in November.

This expenditure plan represents a compromise between many factions, none of who got 100% of what they wanted; invoking that folk definition of a good compromise.

Adopt the final Ordinance No. STA 20-001 including the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot.

Thank you,
Dale Paige
Carmichael CA

May 11, 2020

ITEM 11 STA 651

From: [Tim McMahon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comment for STA May 14 Meeting Regarding Agenda Item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001...."
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:54:57 PM

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Please note that in item #4 below the two references to "500 basis points" should read "50 basis points."

Thank you.

-Tim

From: Tim McMahon <timm3@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:16 PM
To: 'boardclerk@saccounty.net' <boardclerk@saccounty.net>
Subject: Public Comment for STA May 14 Meeting Regarding Agenda Item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001...."

Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority Board Clerk,

Below is my public comment regarding agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001..." of the Sacramento Transportation Authority May 14th meeting agenda. Please read my comment into the meeting record.

Thank you,

-Tim

Dear Transportation Authority Board Members,

Please vote ***NO*** on agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot."

I ask you to vote ***NO*** for the following reasons:

1. It is unconscionable to contemplate a tax increase while in the midst of an economic calamity that may rival the Great Depression and has to date put almost 4 million Californians out of work.
2. Sales taxes are highly regressive having a disparate impact on the residents of our community that can least afford it.
3. Just as citizens must manage their budgets for difficult times, government entities need to do the same.
4. Sacramento County sales tax is 500 basis points higher than most of its neighboring counties, incenting residents to shop in neighboring counties. Raising Sacramento County sales tax an

additional 500 basis points would further exacerbate this problem.

5. High taxes and tax increases have a deleterious effect on business formation/retention and job creation/retention in the county.
6. Sacramento County residents are already paying at least two transportation taxes.
7. The projects outlined for the new tax would have a disparate benefit on those that pay the tax, with a small percentage reaping most of the benefits.

For these reasons I ask you vote ***NO*** on agenda item #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot."

Thank you.

Tim McMahan
Rancho Cordova resident

From: jgardner@pacbell.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax Increase - Item 11 on the Agenda
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:26:55 PM

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Please read my message into the meeting record.

I lived in the Bay Area when they upped the sales tax to 9.25% to fund finishing BART. It was supposed to be a limited tax and expire. Unfortunately, when taxes are increased, they are NEVER decreased! Large purchases were made outside of Contra Costa County because consumers did not want to make large purchases in a County with such a high sales tax. I had friends that while visiting from Napa, Shasta and Sacramento Counties did not want to go shopping in my area because they could get the same thing at home for less. When you can purchase a car, dishwasher, refrigerator, washer and dryer and save 1%, it is worth driving to the next County. Our Sacramento County will loose out on these type of purchases!

Sacramento County should not be raising taxes when so many families are struggling to keep above water due to the pandemic. Sacramento County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes and like the rest of us, the government should tighten the belt and live within their current budgets.

Janet Gardner
11257 Crocker Grove Lane
Gold River, CA 95670

ITEM 11 STA 653

From: [Jeralyn Fleig](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Against Measure A - Agenda Item 11 of the Sacramento Transportation Authority May 14th meeting
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:00:30 AM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

I live and own a business in the City of Sacramento & I oppose Measure A

Residents & business owners have plenty of struggles right now & we do NOT need another struggle by paying more in taxes.

I oppose Measure A.

Jeralyn Fleig
916.804.8314



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From: [Tim Carver](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A - Don't do it!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:22:01 AM

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As a lifelong resident of Sacramento County and owner of a business doing 7M+ with 20+ employees operating of Sacramento County I am writing to express my strongest opposition to the tax increase being contemplated by Measure A. I cannot think of a worse time to add to residents' and businesses' tax burdens. Surely some of you must be smart enough to understand that if you keep increasing taxes people will respond by living and doing business elsewhere. If this measure is rammed through, I for one will be moving out of the County and will seriously consider moving my business to a nearby County as well. Please do not force another tax on us and force us to make decisions to uproot.

Tim Carver
Vice President

Sierra Asphalt Inc.
3755 Omec Circle, Suite 2
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
916-635-9898 office

trc@sierraasphalt.com
www.sierraasphalt.com

From: [MARIA ARANDA](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: No to Measure A on the November 2020 ballot
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:38:41 PM

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To Whom It May Concern;

I, as a resident living in the city of Sacramento, do not want Measure A, which would increase sales tax to 9.25%, put on the November 2020 ballot. Our taxes are high enough as it is now, there is no clear evidence that our tax dollars are being used for the intended purpose & there is no accountability for the misuse of our tax dollars. Additionally, we are currently in lock down due to covid 19 with no certain word from government officials as to when we will reopen the State of California. This is destroying us economically & you want to tax us more on top of all this? Clearly businesses are shutting down, more will & jobs will leave the county. We've already been burdened with 2 other transportation taxes. We as citizens have to adjust & prioritize our spending with less income, so should all government officials.

Do not put Measure A on the November ballot. Referring to Item 11 on the Agenda, I request that my message be read into the meeting record.

Thank you,

Maria Aranda
3832 Jasmine St.
Sacramento, CA. 95838

From: iluvpepsi@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](mailto:Mahan_Betsy); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Proposed Measure A - Agenda item 11
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:46:11 AM

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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to putting Measure A, a sales tax increase, on the November 2020 ballot. As a Citrus Heights resident, I cannot afford any increases as this proposes. We are currently paying two (2) other transportation taxes among the many other taxes we pay.

As an example of other taxes, my water bill I pay approximately 92% in infrastructure fees, various utility fees, and taxes. In this example my usage is 8%, so if my bill is \$100.00 (which is close) \$8.00 is actual usage and the remaining \$92.00 are fees and taxes.

During this unprecedented time it is unwise to further burden citizens and taxpayers with additional taxes. We are currently prioritizing our income and spending to pay bills, leaving little to no disposable income. This tax increase will further depress our ability to restart our economy by prohibiting much needed consumer spending which in turn makes it difficult for citizens to return to some kind of normalcy.

We need the economy to come back so the taxes can be generated not over tax which will discourages consumer spending. Please remember consumers will go elsewhere for a deal and to spend less.

I respectfully request this message be read into the record for agenda item #11.

Respectfully,

Kathy Ailor
Citrus Heights
Sacramento, CA

ITEM 11 STA 657

From: [Pamela Kozlow](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:30:01 AM

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Please do not increase our sales tax. Thank you, Pamela Kozlow
916-208-4784
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Frank Mosher](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:00:16 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

My wife and i are elderly on a fixed income. Tax increases reduce our ability to pay our normal bills and still have a little left over. Frank and Janet Mosher

ITEM 11 STA 659

From: [Ben Capehart](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:45:30 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We do not need to keep using sales tax or gas road tax money to subsidize transportation that can't survive with its own income from its own ridership revenue stream. Public transit should never be tied to road projects, or steal money for road repairs and road upgrades. Social distancing is impossible on public transit.

All Sacramento sales taxes do is push more purchases to Placer county where the sales tax is substantially lower to the detriment of Sacramento County and the betterment of Placer County.

Sales tax, gas tax, vehicle fees should only be used for road repairs, road improvements, to the benefit of the taxpayers who have paid the tax.

Ben Capehart

Sent from my iPad

From: [carina4700](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:00:24 PM

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This is a very vulnerable and compromised economy and raising sales taxes will not help the people.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [richard](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:47:26 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Our statement about the additional gas tax proposal is we have already given a gasoline tax increase approval to the State of California to repair roads and fix transportation infrastructure to which the Governor has said he will spend it on projects as he sees fit which is not what we voted for. Why should the voters trust the current Sacramento County proposed increase to fund what you say it will? I know you are not the questionable leadership of California but I think you should petition the State for the funds you seek since the Governor has given himself so much discretion on how to distribute the gas tax money! Also any tax increase during this "pandemic" would put an additional burden on tax payers who are unemployed and otherwise suffering because of the current crisis. Thank you.

Richard and Cristina Judd

From: [Carl Brickey](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com; [Tim McMahon](#); tim3@comcast.net
Subject: Vote NO on Proposed Measure A (Item #11 on the May 14th Meeting Agenda)
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:36:42 AM

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Sacramento Transportation Authority Board Members:

I urge you to vote NO on the proposed Measure A which seeks to raise Sacramento County's already high sales tax rate (Item #11 on the May 14th Meeting Agenda).

First, it is bad economic policy and morally unconscionable to burden taxpayers with higher taxes in a pandemic induced recession when so many people have lost their jobs and businesses. As people have had to prioritize their spending because of a loss of income, so should government officials. A sales tax is a regressive tax. The rate increase will disproportionately harm the most vulnerable, the poor and those living on a fixed income.

Second, Sacramento County taxpayers are already paying for other transportation taxes including a 0.50% special district sales tax for the Sacramento Transportation Authority.

Third, if this proposed measure were enacted, it would push businesses and jobs out of the county. The higher sales tax rate will lead many businesses and consumers to avoid making large purchases in Sacramento County.

Lastly, only a small percentage of Sacramento County residents will actually benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote NO on the proposed Measure A.

Sincerely,

Carl Brickey
4704 Cleary Circle, Elk Grove, CA 95757
(916) 806-3015 | cbrickey@outlook.com

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [retirepartly](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: "A"
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:26:40 PM

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NO on "A".

Terrence Scheffler
7613 Ort Way,
Antelope Ca. 95843

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

From: [Kathy Dodson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:58:48 PM

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Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot.

I support the Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 as it generates public revenue for fixing our roads, making our streets safer for all, and modernizing our mass transit and rail system. The proposed measure's expenditure plan is well suited to support jobs recovery, space for physical distancing, and affordable transportation. All of these improvements will make living in my home county more desirable by improving the health and safety of all of us residents.

Please adopt the final Ordinance and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot. And then, let the voters decide.

Respectfully,

Kathy
katwillgo@gmail.com

From: [- france driscoll -](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Agenda item #11 - NO Vote on MEASURE A - PLEASE, Read Into Record.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:51:58 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.

My Supervisor, Susan Peters

And

My Councilman Eric Guerra will receive this statement separately.

I, MaryF Driscoll, am and have been since 1984, a citizen-resident of the City and County of Sacramento.

I am appalled that, at this time, you are so tone deaf as to even think about a tax increase, let alone seek to put a tax increase on the coming ballot.

To be crystal clear, I DO NOT WANT and STRONGLY OPPOSE a new Measure A increasing sales tax to 9.25% on the November 2020 ballot.

Why?

1. As citizens we've had to reorganize our budgets. You all in government, effectively unaccountable (except for ponderous and usually ineffectual processes involving: Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies and Procedures), must creatively rethink the generous resources which you already enjoy. Figure out a way to live in and thrive and grow within your existing budgets. We have to. You have to.

2. Your timing is terrible. Cooperate with and help get the economy going. After we see some good faith in that department and we've all restabilized, then talk with us. When we're doing well again, we'll be more open, if we see similar behavior from government entities.

It's blissfully simple.

WRONG TIME TO BREAK OUR BACKS WITH HIGHER TAXES.

4. If you ignore this feedback, I will make it my business make large purchases elsewhere, where taxes are LESS. I will encourage all my people to do the same.

5. Are you going to make the same mistakes as Alameda County and DRIVE OUT businesses? Don't forget. Alameda County just LOST 10,000 JOBS in one meeting 'cuz the manufacturer said, "I'm out of here. I'm going elsewhere."

6. Besides all of the above, we're ALREADY PAYING TWO (2) OTHER Transportation Taxes.

7. In conclusion, I've lived in MANY cities, prior to moving to Sacramento, in my 70+ years. Usually, I was an avid public transportation customer. NOT HERE.

MaryFrance Driscoll
1.916.502.1500
8628 Fallbrook Way
Sacramento CA 95826

From: [Anne Marder](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:33:00 AM

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Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot

I believe it is necessary to allow for the wisdom and needs of your constituents to be expressed through the ballot. While we are all dealing with the unprecedented challenges of the world wide pandemic, we must nonetheless look forward to recovery. It is imperative that we plan wisely to facilitate the restoration of the economy in a way that benefits the entire community. As such I support the Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 including the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan and approve the a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot.

Let the voters decide.

Thank you,

Anne Marder

Sacramento, CA

From: [Nava, Lisa](#) on behalf of [Supervisor Serna](#)
To: [Evans, Florence](#); [McClain-White, Renae](#); [Bishop, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: CA budgets are hurting, but proposing taxes too soon could backfire | The Sacramento Bee
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:01:37 PM

For the record

From: Bruce Lee <bruce.lee.sta@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Supervisor Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>
Subject: CA budgets are hurting, but proposing taxes too soon could backfire | The Sacramento Bee

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Morning!

I thought this article was well-written today in the Sacramento Bee. Thought you would interested as the Transportation Authority is considering the sales tax hike today.

<https://www.sacbee.com/opinion/article242704471.html>

Hope you and you peers will follow the wisdom of this article and postpone Measure A to another time!

Thanks,

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Bruce

W. Bruce Lee, President
Sacramento Taxpayers Association
Bruce.Lee.STA@gmail.com

*The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of larger ideas, never returns to its **original size**.*

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

From: [Nava, Lisa](#) on behalf of [Supervisor Serna](#)
To: [Evans, Florence](#); [McClain-White, Renae](#); [Bishop, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Sacramento Transportation Authority - Agenda Item 11 - OPPOSITION
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:02:46 PM
Attachments: [HJTA Opposition Agenda Item 11 May 14 2020 STA 20-01.pdf](#)

For the record

From: Debra Desrosiers <debra@hjta.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Supervisor Serna <SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net>; Frost. Supervisor <SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net>; Susan Peters <SusanPeters@saccounty.net>; Nottoli. Don <nottolid@saccounty.net>; Kennedy. Supervisor <SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.net>; mlvellinga@cityofsacramento.org; jsharris@cityofsacramento.org; eguerra@cityofsacramento.org; jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org; SHansen@cityofsacramento.org; dsuen@elkgrovecity.org; phume@elkgrovecity.org; smiller@citrusheights.net; corrprincess@ardennet.com; Psandhu@cityofgalt.org; ggatewayood@cityofranchocordova.org
Subject: Sacramento Transportation Authority - Agenda Item 11 - OPPOSITION

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For your reference. This has been submitted to the STA Clerk of the Board.

Debra Desrosiers

Debra Desrosiers, Executive Assistant

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
921 11th Street, Ste. 1201
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone (916) 444-9950

From: [Jennifer Doll](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Form Submission - Comments - Proposed Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:49:30 PM

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STA comment

Jennifer Doll, Special Program Manager
Sacramento Transportation Authority
Note- Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Squarespace <no-reply@squarespace.info>
Date: May 14, 2020 at 12:18:34 PM PDT
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Form Submission - Comments - Proposed Measure A
Reply-To: grtomsic@comcast.net

Name: Gordon Tomsic

Organization: Individgual

Email: grtomsic@comcast.net

Subject: Proposed Measure A

Comment: It astonishes me that the Sacramento Transportation Authority is considering yet another tax on the already grossly overburdened taxpayers of the county and city of Sacramento. Measure B was defeated but you come back again with another 30 year tax grab to fund the little used pubic transit system and in the middle of a worldwide pandemic. It is the worst assault on the citizenry of Sacramento I have ever seen. I will urge Eye On Sacramento to vigorously oppose this thievery.

(Sent via [Sacramento Transportation Authority](#))

From: [Jennifer Doll](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Form Submission - Comments - Stop Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:03:14 AM

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STA Comment

Jennifer Doll, Special Program Manager
Sacramento Transportation Authority
Note- Sent from my iPhone

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From: Squarespace <no-reply@squarespace.info>
Date: May 13, 2020 at 7:15:10 PM PDT
To: Jennifer Doll <jennifer@sacta.org>
Subject: Form Submission - Comments - Stop Measure A
Reply-To: bberdan@comcast.net

Name: Bill Berdan

Organization:

Email: bberdan@comcast.net

Subject: Stop Measure A

Comment: With the last tax increase to fix roads was then intentionally misappropriated to fund the Bullet Train boondoggle was clearly a planned move to get the initial voter approval only to flip it to a non voter approved expenditure. That was morally wrong.

Now to add another transportation tax to the burdensome tax base in place is again wrong. Spend monies wisely and stop this foolishness. A Bullet Train is NOT needed. I have used Bullet Trains while in China and their function there is understandable, but for California, a foolish idea.

Vote NO on Measure A and no more tax measures

(Sent via [Sacramento Transportation Authority](#))

From: [Nick Bloise](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: No on Measure A at this time!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:24:21 PM

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Please read my email below into the record for Item 11. The sales tax increase Measure A.
Thank you

Nick Bloise

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Nick Bloise <benthomas1775@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 13, 2020, 11:16 PM
Subject: No on Measure A at this time!
To: <BoardClerk@sacounty.net>

Dear STA Board Members

As a resident of Sacramento County and a state employee, I find your timing to propose a sales tax increase during a pandemic and state budget crisis to be the worst.

Right now, the Governor has proposed I take a 10% pay cut. That's going to make a huge impact on myself and my family. Do you realize how many State employees live in Sacramento county? Try over 75,000 of us. That's a big deal! Many of my fellow state employees filed for bankruptcy or lost their homes in the Arnold Schwarzenegger furloughs of 2009. Now you want to add to our burden with another 1/2 cent tax?

Ten percent is a lot of money. And you want to tax me more! It's the wrong time for a sales tax increase! Can you at least wait until the financial disruption caused by COVID 19 is over!

Also do you realize sales tax is a regressive tax? It impacts the poor among us more than the rich. Think about those in our community who are seniors on limited incomes; they are barely making it. They don't even drive or use mass transit right now as they are asked to stay sheltered during Covid 19.

The purpose of the tax is for roads and mass transit. First, no one is driving on the roads right now. Second, mass transit has increased the spread of COVID 19 just look at the New York! You can wait to fix the roads as no one is using them.

I urge you to postpone this tax measure! This can wait until 2022, and then we will be in a better place. Please don't put this on the ballot for Fall of 2020. People are hurting enough.
Thank you.

Nick Bloise
Foster Way
Carmichael

ITEM 11 STA 672

From: [Richard Markuson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Rick Jennings II](#); [Dennis M. Rogers](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Subject: half-cent tax hike
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:11:39 PM

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While I sympathize with the desire to increase taxes to support transportation projects in the Sacramento region, I urge you to table this measure.

California and the nation is approaching 25% unemployment and there are innumerable funding dilemmas that we will face - possibly for years.

As a voter and taxpayer, I encourage you to table this measure until we know if taxpayers will be able to remain in their homes and put food on their table.

From: [Brian Witherell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Hell no
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:41:59 PM

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ITEM 11 STA 674

From: [susan Coulson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 11 on the agenda
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:35:14 AM

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I would like to voice my opinion on this item on your agenda, it is definitely not the time and year to have this tax increase, please consider on not putting it on the November ballot. As a long time resident of Elk Grove California , I could not see this benefiting anyone.

Thankyou
Susan Coulson

8182 Elk Grove Blvd
Elk Grove Ca
95624

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 675

From: [Christina Hulick](#)
To: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item 11 public comment
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:36:15 AM

Supervisor Nottoli,

Please vote no on item 11 today. Now is not the time to increase the tax burden on our community. There is no need to rush this plan through while people are distracted by the pandemic.

I urge you to re-evaluate the spending plan to match consumer activity in the post-COVID, new normal we are facing.

Christina Hulick
Elk Grove

Sent from my iPhone

From: campbelldavid811@gmail.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:30:30 PM

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Tax the politicians more!!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Phillip Minard](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:17:00 AM

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I will not support Measure A.

From: pmaraldi@aol.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: MEASURE "A" TAX INCREASE
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:09:16 PM

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Dear Board, ENOUGH ALREADY!!! The last thing many taxpayers need right now is another tax increase. Many have been negatively impacted by the corona virus, out of work, out of money, and just trying to scrap bye. Be realistic and shelve this idea for the time being!

From: [John Shaban](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:00:31 PM

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Please read my comment aloud:

John Shaban D-3 resident, writing you today to voice my support of Measure A, and urging an aye vote from each Supervisor. Please use these funds as laid out in the STA report to provide modern transportation modalities. Without public funds to provide for the public good, we may resort to barbarism. Thanks for your service to Sacramento County.

From: [Ron Sheppard](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A half cent tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:15:28 PM

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I strongly do not support this latest attempt to once again increase taxes tied to Transportation !

The State was tricked by the wording of Proposition 1B, and are now hit with an excise tax on fuel that increases automatically because it has an Inflation-factor adjustment built into the law. That means counties will receive increased tax revenue every year due to inflation.

Also, in light of the COVID-19 crisis, the State and the County will have to decide how will they pay for the enormous expenses and get prepared to the next cycle in the fall.

No More Taxes for Transportation !

Thank you,
Ronald E. Sheppard
Orangevale, CA

From: [Pam Herger](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Sacramento Taxpayers](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:57:13 AM

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Dear Board,

I am a resident of Sacramento county, living in Elk Grove.

I ask that you read this into the comments at your meeting today.

I am requesting that you cast a no vote for placing this measure on the ballot.

I feel that this is definitely not the time to increase our taxes considering the economic impact the Corona virus has had on our community.

I also feel that we have already in place two other taxes which should be helping to relieve our need for road and street repair, and that money should be used appropriately.

From my understanding , this is a forty year bond measure that would allow the board to increase taxes without voter approval- I May be wrong in that assumption, but nevertheless, I feel we all , individually, have to live within our own monetary constraints and am expecting those who allocate funds to projects to prioritize and do the same.

And finally, our county is already paying at a tax rate higher than 88% of other counties in our state and raising our taxes once again would put us at the highest rate than the others! This definitely is a bad economic decision for our businesses here in our county, as well as individual families.

Respectfully,

Pam Herger

Sent from my iPad

From: [Don](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:00:50 AM

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Do not support this measure!

Donald MacMillan

From: [Lanette Benjamin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:06:16 AM

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I am sick in tired of being taxed to death! Our government needs to get their heads out of the dirt and pay attention to the hard working American citizen. You keep giving our money away . I really tired of hearing what you are giving the homeless and now I understand that alcohol and drugs will be supplied because they are addictive--GET REAL! Build an institution for these additions and mentally ill. Half of these people are from the institution that have closed in California. Back to the tax issue you have already placed taxes on us that were to be used for roads and transportation maintenance and you used it for something else, your problem figure it out and quit lying to us.

Lanette Benjamin

Sent from my iPad

From: [Rebecca Borovansky](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:07:40 PM

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Measure A. We do not need and can not afford new taxes at this time, particularly for things we are already highly taxed for.

Cordially,
Rebecca Holt

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bruce Davis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:16:22 PM

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Board Members: The last thing we need now is more tax, Taxpayers have already been charged with paying for the over reaction to the virus - for decades to come.

From: [bert.macbride](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:39:13 PM

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Not another tax.
Vote No
Bert MacBride

From: [April Donnel](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:12:59 PM

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Please stop increasing taxes. We already pay more taxes than most other states. Also most of our tax money that we already pay keep getting redirected to things we didn't agree on. Fix our road and make our governor accountable to use funds where they are supposed to be used.

April Donnel-Varner

From: [Melody Pfand](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:24:26 AM

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NO more taxes! NO on Measure A. The tax payers are tired of being repeatedly taxed with no accountability on your part to us. The money never seems to end up where it is supposed to go & then we are asked to give more. I respectfully ask my opinion be read aloud to the Board.

Melody Pfand
Citrus Heights CA

From: [Chuck Cole](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No more taxes going to illegal aliens that serve no purpose but to make jobs unavailable for the poor.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:03:00 PM

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Sent from my iPad

From: [suzan torres](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No more taxes!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:25:09 PM

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We are paying enough with nothing being done! Ny area still has safety issues for us disabled and we are told to wait...and wait and wait.

Homeowners pay for schools when we have no students but cant get disability access fixed.

Roads are only patched and poorly. So....

No more taxes!!!

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [praazem](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No more taxes. We're being inundated on all sides. Live within the money you have. I have to live on a budget, the county should as well.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:05:24 PM

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: [Arlette Peterson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO ON "A"
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:13:36 PM
Importance: High

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We are voting NO on Measure A. we are paying way too many taxes already...We are tired of all these taxes. You needto find a way to better manage your funds. Pease read our statement Out Loud. Thanks.

Mr & Mrs William Peterson
Folsom

ITEM 11 STA 693

From: [Patricia Gantenbein](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on "a"
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:58:28 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

We vote no. Too much tax in this county with nothing being done with the money. Tad and Patti gantenbein
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tom's Email](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A please log my comment
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:08:04 AM

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Tom Williams

From: [Cindy & Chris Martin](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:13:56 PM

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Please consider the people of Sacramento County when you decide to raise taxes yet again. We have been paying excessive taxes for so long now, and we never see any results. On top of our taxes, we are also paying an exorbitant amount for our vehicle registration fees. Instead of raising our taxes again, please use the money we are already paying wisely.

People are already fleeing this state because of the crazy amount of money we have to pay to live here (plus all the other bad decisions). You cannot possibly think raising taxes right now during this pandemic, and people being unemployed is a good idea.

Again use the money you have wisely, and do not raise our taxes please.

Please read my comments aloud so they are on the record.

Cindy Martin
Folsom

From: [Bippus Marjorie](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A!
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:38:25 AM

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This is an untimely Measure. California citizens are fighting for their lives and jobs right now and this Measure will place additional hardships on all of us. We are all familiar with the “bait and switch” proposition the State passed, promising to fix our roads, with progressive increases in ensuing years only to be told there wasn’t enough money to repair roads. Now this Measure comes along promising the same but with 40% going to issues that do not repair roads. Our State already has the highest gas taxes in the nation!

Citizens need to know that any measures passed saying it will repair roads needs to go to that and only that. I will not support any Measure or any State Proposition that proposes to do anything else. It has become too easy for public officials to transfer funds to other issues as they please.

Please drop this Measure; the timing is all wrong for the citizens of this state.

Thank you to Supervisor Sue Frost, Councilmember Garrett Gatewood, Councilmember Steve Miller, Councilmember Patrick Hume and Councilmember Paul Dandu for saying NO to more taxes!

I request that my comments be read aloud to the STA Board of Directors meeting today.

Joan Bippus

From: rheiler@gmx.us
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Frost, Supervisor](#); ["Sacramento County Residents Against Measure A"](#)
Subject: No on A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:51:16 AM

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All:

Please read aloud.

I strongly oppose increased sales tax for transportation. The measure A description is of frivolous projects that do not reduce work commute time: "... for new bridges, light rail lines, bike paths, freeway interchanges and sidewalks to schools." Schools already have sidewalks. Bike paths are not used by work commuters, light rail is a money-pit failure, and freeway interchanges are built by the state. Below is an article describing light rail usage decline over a decade as our working population grew and tremendous money was spent on enhancement.

Read more here: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article237771829.html#storylink=cpy>

I especially oppose further investment in light rail. Sacramento's light rail system is dramatically underutilized with falling ridership even with expansion. The falling ridership after enhancement is the public's 'vote with their feet', it is a failure. Targeting 40% of a new tax to public transit other than busses is a fraud to workers who depend on our roads. You are extorting their right to good roads to channel money to a light rail system they don't want and won't use. After you make 100% of our registration and gas taxes go to roads, then we can see if we need a new tax.

Below is an article from 2018 explaining the decade-long reduced ridership of Sacramento's light rail from 58k to 45k (22%) even though it was enhanced and the population grew tremendously. 40% of a new tax going to light rail is a waste.

The recent gas tax increase was two frauds:

1. The money didn't go to our roads like promised.
2. The repeal initiative was worded as a lie to trick people into voting the wrong way so they would vote against repeal. Leader's know if it were honestly worded the gas tax repeal would have prevailed.

The tax paying motorists and voters spoke by not using the light rail system and by preferring to repeal the gas tax. A majority don't want light rail expansion and don't want new transportation taxes.

No sales tax increase for roads. Go get our tax money from the state!

Richard Heiler

<https://reason.com/2018/05/14/sacramento-wants-to-boost-rail-ridership/>

[California](#)

Sacramento Wants to Boost Rail Ridership By Banning Drive-Throughs and Gas Stations Near Transit

The logic of the policy is perplexing.

[Christian Britschgi](#) | 5.14.2018 3:45 PM



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Faced with falling ridership, American cities have been experimenting with increasingly desperate measures to get people back onto buses and trains.

New York, which saw subway ridership [plunge](#) by 30 million trips from 2016 to 2017, is cracking down on transit's competition, with politicians [pondering](#) a cap on the number of rideshare vehicles allowed in the city and a mandatory floor for Uber and Lyft prices. Los Angeles, where transit use is [stubbornly stuck](#) at about 5 percent of all trips, is [spending billions](#) to build out its light rail network and cluster more development around transit stops. Washington is investing in [flashy marketing campaigns](#) and a new merch shop to reverse its Metro system's [near 20 percent decline in ridership](#) since 2012.

But Sacramento has the most creative approach. Absurd, but creative. City staff there are drafting an ordinance that would ban building new gas stations, drive-throughs, and other auto-related businesses within a quarter mile of any of the city's 23 light rail stations. (Also to be prohibited, for reasons unclear: marijuana cultivation sites.) Other businesses "not

considered transit-supportive"—car lots, auto repair businesses, manufacturing sites, wholesale outlets—would still be allowed, but only if the city grants them a special permit.

Preexisting businesses would be grandfathered in.

Though the plan is still in the early stages, the *Sacramento Bee* [reports](#) that it has already attracted support from some city councilmen and from the Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT), which operates the city's buses and light rail network. "I'm encouraged that this will attract new riders," SacRT head Henry Li tells the *Bee*.

How exactly this is supposed to attract new riders is a bit of a mystery.

Would a motorist really decide to switch to transit if using a drive-through window is not an option, or would he instead just patronize a different fast-food joint that's further away from a light rail station? Would someone really leave her car at home because she can't gas up near a transit stop that she isn't using already?

If anything, this seems like it would further deter light rail by inconveniencing people whose commutes involve a mix of transit and driving. It's fair to assume that fewer people will use the [16 park-and-rides](#) located at Sacramento's light rail stations if they can't get gas or food anywhere nearby.

The way city planners explain it, booting businesses that cater to motorists will open up room for new development that will better serve riders, thus boosting ridership.

"You wouldn't ride light rail to a gas station, but you would ride it to buy groceries, get a haircut or have a meal," city planner Jim McDonald tells the *Bee*.

Yet the businesses targeted by this ordinance can and do cater to both transit-takers and motorists alike. After all, restaurants with drive-through windows typically have dining rooms too. And plenty of gas stations make money selling not just low-margin gas but soda, snacks, and cigarettes.

Surely some businesses would think twice about locating near light rail if they knew that their access to customers who drive will be curtailed. Serving a transit-only crowd probably doesn't sound very enticing right now, given that the number of people using Sacramento's transit system has been spiraling downward for years. In 2017 alone, [ridership declined](#) by about 10 percent.

That reflects a larger trend. In [fiscal year 2009](#), the city's two light rail lines serviced an average of 58,000 riders every weekday. By the end of [fiscal year 2016](#), that number had fallen to about 44,600 weekday riders, even though the city had opened a whole new light rail line during that time. According to a [study](#) by the Cato Institute's Randal O'Toole, less than 3 percent of commutes are taken via transit in the Sacramento urban area.

Transportation works best when people can make real choices about what mode of travel works best for them, and when businesses can dynamically respond to those choices. Policy makers' role should be to facilitate these choices, not to try to reverse them—and especially not with a measure as hamfisted as this one.

From: [Susan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:56:11 PM

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Sac County residents can not afford a sales tax increase.

Susan Bentley

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Paul Frank](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO on A. Sales Tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:04:59 PM
Attachments: [PDF Group Small.tiff](#)
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[ATT00003.htm](#)

The fact that I have to take the time to voice these concerns is unbelievable.

The current state of our world only amplifies the concerns. There is a NEVER ENDING uptick in the sales tax. The government is never satisfied nor able to function without a tax increase on the horizon?

Where does it stop, 11%, 12%, 15%?

It is a matter of fiscal responsibility and discipline not increases. Spend what you have more efficiently, there is no more left to take.

You are losing people from this State daily because of issues just like this and those people are the ones that are supporting a functioning State.

You are literally going to tax yourself out of business.

NO on A.



Paul Frank
President/CEO



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ITEM 11 STA 700

From: [Docie Baquiran](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO on A...
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:21:46 AM

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Definitely NO on A please.

From, Teodocia Baquiran, Elk Grove, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: [Tim Jackson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:52:07 AM

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Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority;

As a Sacramento County Resident for over 35 years, I am apposed to raising taxes further to pay for additional improvements, extensions and additions to the STA infrastructure. In an unprecedented time of global economic crisis, raising taxes on the populus is the wrong time and thing to do. Don't be an oppressive overlord extracting payments from your subjects that most will not be able to pay.

Please read my statement out loud at your board meeting today.

Sincerely,

Tim Jackson

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Timothy J Jackson, DC FIAMA
Jackson's Center for Allergy & Injury Repair & Chiropractic, Inc.
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Citrus Heights, CA 95610
916-726-8375
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From: [Brad](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO on any new taxes.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:34:59 PM

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No one has proven they can responsibly spend the last taxes. The last FOUR GAS TAXES have been reappropriated to the GENERAL FUND and is a total misrepresentation of what the voters wanted. There is ANOTHER 17cent proposed GAS TAX that is on the way.. I'm confident it will NOT stay dedicated to the roads like the last FOUR were.

Thank you

Brad St. Cyr

From: [K](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: infor@saccountygov.com
Subject: No on increasingt sales tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:14:21 PM

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No on measure A. We are already pay high sales tax. Do not increase any more on sales tax. Consumers will not want to make huge purchasing in Saccounty because of high sales tax.

I am requesting my message be read. Into the meeting record.

No on measure A.

Do not include sales tex in November

2020 election ballot

Thank you

Kun Jee Limb

City of Elk Grove

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nick Bloise](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on Measure A at this time!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:16:24 PM

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Dear STA Board Members

As a resident of Sacramento County and a state employee, I find your timing to propose a sales tax increase during a pandemic and state budget crisis to be the worst.

Right now, the Governor has proposed I take a 10% pay cut. That's going to make a huge impact on myself and my family. Do you realize how many State employees live in Sacramento county? Try over 75,000 of us. That's a big deal! Many of my fellow state employees filed for bankruptcy or lost their homes in the Arnold Schwarzenegger furloughs of 2009. Now you want to add to our burden with another 1/2 cent tax?

Ten percent is a lot of money. And you want to tax me more! It's the wrong time for a sales tax increase! Can you at least wait until the financial disruption caused by COVID 19 is over!

Also do you realize sales tax is a regressive tax? It impacts the poor among us more than the rich. Think about those in our community who are seniors on limited incomes; they are barely making it. They don't even drive or use mass transit right now as they are asked to stay sheltered during Covid 19.

The purpose of the tax is for roads and mass transit. First, no one is driving on the roads right now. Second, mass transit has increased the spread of COVID 19 just look at the New York! You can wait to fix the roads as no one is using them.

I urge you to postpone this tax measure! This can wait until 2022, and then we will be in a better place. Please don't put this on the ballot for Fall of 2020. People are hurting enough. Thank you.

Nick Bloise
Foster Way
Carmichael

ITEM 11 STA 705

From: [April](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: NO ON MEASURE A!!!!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:30:56 PM

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This is NOT the time to add more tax burden on us. Our economy is shutdown. Many businesses and jobs will continue to leave. Sacramento County is already paying for two transportation taxes!

I would like that my message be read into the meeting record. Again, NO ON MEASURE A. NO on increasing sales tax to 9.25% to included in the 2020 November election!

Thank you,
Ellen Cariaga
City of Elk Grove

From: [Jack Cigelske](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on Measure A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:12:33 PM

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I cannot support another tax hike in this recession environment. Please vote NO and keep our taxes down. You may think the STA needs more money to provide services but we all have to cut back in this business downturn. Sacramento County Citizens need cash in their pockets to fuel Sacramento small business and strengthen the local economy. Local government , like the Federal Government; needs to stimulate the Economy, not hamstring it by raising taxes.

-----PLEASE READ THIS MESSAGE ALOUD-----

Jack Cigelske

(916) 798-9786 Mobil



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ITEM 11 STA 707

From: [Caroline Takahashi](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: NO on Measure A, No to Sales Tax Increase-To be read at 05/14/20 STA Mtg
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:07:36 PM
Attachments: [Agenda 5-14-20.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern:

In reference to item 11 of the attached agenda, I vote NO on Measure A and NO to the proposed 9.25% Sales Tax Initiative being placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot. In this time of Covid 19 crisis my family, community, and fellow citizens are already struggling under extreme over-taxation. NO TO ANY ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASES!! Thank you.

Caroline Takahashi
Carmichael, CA
Sacramento County

From: [Dan Leonard](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:29:33 AM

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We oppose Measure A, please vote against this grab for higher taxes.

Danny Leonard
danandsuz@me.com

"They used to take your horse and if they were caught they got hung for it. Now they take your car, and if they are caught it's a miracle."

Will Rogers

From: sharon@camptahoecabin.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on mesure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:52:41 AM

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I am taxpaying citizen born and raised in CA. I have been paying taxes for over 50 years in the state of CA. I am sick and tired of all the increases in taxes from transportation sales taxes, taxes on utilities, car registration taxes, gas taxes, general sales taxes, property taxes etc. They all have been raised over and over again and the \$\$\$\$ have been mismanaged by all levels of government in this state. No more taxes, manage what you have,
NO New taxes for anything in California.

Sharon Camp
sharon@camptahoecabin.com
916.724.9299
916.988.1868

From: [Dick Floryanowich](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO ON MORE TAXES!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:32:08 PM

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It is unbelievable that this has even been proposed with the health of the country, not just the county has been subjected to.

Instead of raising taxes, a concentrated effort should be made to **reduce** the amount of expenditures in the **county** to make up the difference.

It is no wonder that middle class and upper class citizens are leaving the State (including Sacramento) we are being taxed to death!!!!

As Senior Citizens we are appalled that this is considered which will hit everyone, not just us with more burdensome, higher taxes.

Those of us who do not use Sacramento Transportation Authority units should not be subject to more taxes.

Please: **VOTE TO OPPOSE MEASURE A**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

From: [ChezParee Colson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on tax hike
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:31:48 AM

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Although I've already sent my comments on this tax hike and made it clear that I don't support it because the governmental agencies that receive the other monies to take care of the public roads and or systems did not use it responsibly or else things that were broken prior to this hike would not still be broken so in a nutshell NO on the tax hike.

Chez Colson
2806 Tourmaline way
Antelope CA 95843

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Alan D](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: NO on taxes that do not fix my roads
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:15:34 PM

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I will clearly state again on behalf of 9 voters, we will not vote on any transportation funds to are not allocated at least 50% direct to road maintenance. Not fixing intersections, not fixing bridges, not making accessible improvements. We want the roads maintained. We will gladly vote for significant existing road maintenance only.

From: [Sandy Nunez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No tax hike.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:54:34 PM

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I object to a tax hike in Sacramento County. Do an audit and find ways to eliminate or cut expenses.

So many people are out of work. Taxing more isn't a solution.

Sandra Nunez
Fair Oaks. 95628.

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From: [joyce heiler](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No Tax Increase
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:18:57 AM

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I am requesting that this comment be read aloud: Please put existing taxes and revenue to better use, rather than increasing taxes on the overtaxed residents of Sacramento County. NO on a tax increase. J Heiler, Folsom

From: [Gibson Howell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No to 1/2 cent tax hike
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:56:38 PM

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Hello,

I am opposed to the proposed 1/2 cent take hike.

Thank you,

Arthur Gibson Howell
3551 Garden Hwy, Sacramento, Ca 95834

From: [Mindy Cecchetti](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com; [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: OPPOSE MEADURE A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:23:19 PM
Importance: High

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To: dsuen@elkgrovecity.org

From: Mindy Cecchetti, Private Citizen

RE: STA May 14, 2020, Agenda Item Measure A #11

Dear STA Director Darren Suen:

My name is Mindy Cecchetti, I have been a resident of Sacramento County for 6 decades; and I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. I am opposing Measure A.

There are many important reasons why you should oppose it too.

Including: Sacramento County taxpayers are already paying for two other transportation taxes; after looking over the itemized proposal, I see a small amount of Sacramento residents that will benefit from the projects listed for this tax; due to today's circumstances with COVID-19, it seems like a slap in the face to every Sacramento County resident.

If this is passed, the sales tax rate will increase to 9.25%. This is higher than 88% of the counties in the entire COUNTRY! This is absolutely ridiculous. This could force business and residents out of our county. So, don't forget our unemployment rate...it is as high as the rate was during the "great depression".

I am requesting my comments be "read into the record" of the meeting.

Do the right thing...please VOTE NO ON MEASURE A.

Regards,

Mindy Cecchetti, Private Citizen

7499 Callaway Drive

Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

Mindyc1805@att.net

(916) 719-9020

From: [Klinger Realty](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com; [Susan Peters](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); ["Don Nottoli"](#); [Kennedy, Supervisor](#)
Cc: ["Klinger Realty"](#)
Subject: Opposition to Agenda Item #11 - Sales Tax Initiative Increase to 9.25% considered for November 3, 2020 Ballot - The People in Sacramento are in a world of hurt. Don't do this to them.
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:20:10 AM

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May 14, 2020 - Please read and record this email into the May 14, 2020, Public Records.

I Karen Klinger of the unincorporated area of Sacramento County Oppose Agenda Item #11: Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 and Approval of Request to the Board of Supervisors to Place The Measure on the November Ballot. This Measure today is to Increase the Sacramento County Sales Tax to 9.25% to benefit the Sacramento County Transportation and Transit Authorities.

How many Sacramento Residents have lost their jobs and are on unemployment? I couldn't find these statistics, but with most residents forced to stay in their homes and businesses closed in Sacramento County, there has to be thousands of people without jobs and businesses that will close their doors, so those jobs will be automatically lost. How long will it take for Sacramento County and other nearby County residents to find work due to a reported COVID-19 pandemic?

How many more Sacramento residents will be Homeless or go on welfare and not be able to find housing?

Please pay attention to something else, which is difficult when you proposing this Ordinance/Measure already have a secure job and money coming in to pay your rent, house payment, car payment, credit cards, healthcare, nanny services, ever increasing utility bills, new taxes, food and groceries and whatever debt was incurred prior to the shut down. These people who lost their jobs won't have money to pay for some or all of those items mentioned in this paragraph.

The State of CA could very well have created a potential down turn in the market place where it will take years for residents and businesses throughout California to recover, not to mention families losing their homes and a secure place to live. One thing we can be assured of is that natural or manufactured flu(s) and viruses will always be a part of our environment, so does that mean that the State of California will shut down our economy each time and destroy our freedom, liberty, and the ability to have a business and to earn a living?

Why would new companies want to locate in the City and/or County of Sacramento knowing they will be competing with other nearby counties who have lower sales taxes?

Why would residents in other nearby counties shop in Sacramento County, when they more than likely have the same stores and lower sales taxes?

When people purchase homes, they look at all costs that will negatively impact their pocket book and a high sales tax is one of those costs, so why would they purchase a home in Sacramento County?

I believe that any suggestion that the residents of Sacramento County should continually be on the hook to bail out special districts, school districts, and government entities of all kinds, shows a lack of poor leadership and budget planning. Not acceptable. Why should we the people continually be your back up plan to pay your bills, when we have a limited amount of money to hopefully pay our own bills and if not, residents receive late fees, penalties, and liens against our homes or businesses that could be taken by Eminent Domain by Sacramento County or new legislation that supports the State of California's Green New Deal.

If the Sacramento County Transportation and Transit Authorities don't have enough money to pay for their future projects, pensions, or other liabilities, remove some of your projects and live morally within your means, like we the people have to do.

Please Vote NO and OPPOSE sending the "Adoption of Ordinance No.STA 20-001 And Approval of Request to the Sacramento Board of Supervisors to Place the Measure on the November Ballot". Thank you. Resident of Arden Arcade, Unincorporated Area of Sacramento County.

From: [Janine Kloss](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Opposition to Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:49:09 PM

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- Agenda Item 11 of the Sacramento Transportation Authority May 14th meeting.
- Please read my opposition to Measure A into the record of the meeting.
- My residence is in Sacramento County and I work with a nonprofit Foundation in Sacramento City. I am also the chairman for the Libertarian Party of Sacramento County.

Thank you,

Janine DeRose
STA Board Member
(916) 750-5512

From: [Kay Lynn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Opposition to more taxes
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:49:35 PM

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I would like this statement to be read aloud at the council meeting.

I am opposed to more taxes. The taxes the residents of California pay are high and are forcing many of us seniors to look to other states for a place to live. If we manage to remain here then we look to leaving the homes we love. Retired people and those making moderate incomes must budget their money wisely. Think the government should learn to do that.

Kay Lynn
Rancho Murieta

From: [Cliff](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Ordinance for consideration by Sacramento Transit Authority at meeting on May 14
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:01:50 PM

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Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11:

Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 and Approval of Request to the Board of Supervisors to place the measure on the November ballot.

I support the Adoption of Ordinance No. 20-001 as it generates public revenue for fixing our roads, making our streets safer for all, and modernizes our mass transit and rail systems.

The proposed measure's expenditure plan is well suited to support jobs recovery, space for physical distancing and affordable transportation.

Please adopt the final ordinance and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot. And thereby let the voters decide.

Respectfully,

Clifford Anderson

Arden Park, CA

Phone: 916-389-2419

May, 13, 2020

From: [Scott Schmidt](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [info@sacramentotaxpayers.com](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Frost_Supervisor](#); [Susan Peters](#); [Nottoli_Don](#); [Kennedy_Supervisor](#); [mlvellinga@cityofsacramento.org](#); [jsharris@cityofsacramento.org](#); [eguerra@cityofsacramento.org](#); [jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](#); [SHansen@cityofsacramento.org](#); [dsuen@elkgrovecity.org](#); [phume@elkgrovecity.org](#); [smiller@citrusheights.net](#); [corrprincess@ardennet.com](#); [Psandhu@cityofgalt.org](#); [ggatewood@cityofranhocordova.org](#)
Subject: Please vote against Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:07:01 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Covid-19 has decimated our local economy and livelihoods! We cannot raise taxes at such a perilous moment while people continue to suffer! The sales tax increase will primarily impact lower-income individuals who may already be behind on rent and in dire need of food assistance!

Please reconsider!

Sincerely,
Scott Schmidt

From: [Oleg Shishko](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Please vote No on the tax increase
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:00:31 AM

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Honorable STA Board members,

I urge you to vote No in increasing our sales taxes.
We are already taxed on practically everything in our lives.
The county needs to figure out how to use the funds that it has already taken from our wallets.

Thank you!
Oleg Shishko
Member of Chase Neighborhood Association of Citrus Heights.
<https://www.citrusheights.net/469/Areas-7-8---CHASE>

From: [Gary Weichold](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Prop A
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:28:11 PM

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STA Board of Directors,

Why is it that there can not be a set cost for improvements as there is for me as a retired individual. You need to find ways to work within a set fee basis and this can be accomplished by being much more efficient.

If you feel it's only a half cent more where does it end?

Thank you for your consideration.

Gary Weichold

From: [Steve Yates](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:16:12 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

We do not approve of another tax grab of the people of Sacramento county. It's not the right time. You should operate more efficiently and work within the budget. Just because you can approve an increase does not mean you should...find another way!

Thank you,

Steven Yates

ITEM 11 STA 725

From: [laurene.chiesa](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:10:57 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Hard to believe officials would ask for yet another tax increase on already overburdened taxpayers, many of whom have lost their livelihoods due to the coronavirus.

Do not institute this tax increase or propose any new/additional tax increase(s), especially during these economic times. This also includes new/increased assessments or user fees.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: [\(null\) \(null\)](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Michael Garcia Sr.](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:41:22 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To the Board Members,

Raising the sales tax during the aftermath of the covid-19 pandemic is a crazy idea. Where are we to get this extra money most Californians lost jobs along with their savings. How can you justify this increase you're diverting money meant for roads that were sold to the voters to be used for road repair and repaving in our neighborhoods. Sounds like bait and switch to us. And now you have the nerve to come back at us with another tax increase proposal but this time for public transit. How is this going to help any of the surrounding towns outside of Sacramento. Personally we do not and will never use these services. Do any of you board members use these services...I think not. I'm sure you have a private car service pick you up and the tax payer pays the bill. I'm tired of this why should the voters be held accountable for all of your mismanaged budgets.

Regards from concerned citizens of Citrus Heights,
Darlene and Michael Garcia

Sent from my iPad

From: [Nicholas Burgeson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:27:09 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Governments don't have any of their own money, they only have money because they create their funds through taxes and fees. In other words they take the citizens money. At present government agencies are taking in less money and that's because citizens have less money to spend. The reaction of government to "needing" more money is to raise taxes. The problem with this solution is that if the pool of funds from which to draw taxes gets smaller increasing taxes simply makes the problem worse. For example, if sales taxes are increased, citizens with less money will spend less or buy goods and services elsewhere.

The better solution is to take actions that increase income and wealth for all levels of economic status. When this happens people spend more money and more tax revenue flows into the treasury. At a seminar on business finance I once took from Peter Drucker, Ph.D., he advised against raising income by raising prices. He made the point that if your profit margin is 5% you should increase business volume rather than increase the margin to 6% or more. His point was that if your sales volume is \$10,000 and your profit margin is 5% you will make much money if you increase the volume to \$100,000 rather than raising the profit margin to 6-7%.

This is not a time to raise money by increasing the tax rate. You will take in more revenue if you increase people's income and spending.

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ITEM 11 STA 728

From: [James Garcia](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:16:10 PM

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Board Members,

We are adamantly opposed to another increase in our sales tax. Perhaps an outside audit is needed to find out where past taxes have gone, its not for county & city roads as they have been deteriorating for years (**note:** but now would be an opportune time to accomplish that job as traffic is down & asphalt should be cheap). Mismanagement of funds by our elected officials is no reason to put more burden of taxes on the citizens of Sac. County. This proposal needs to be canned.

Respectfully, James & Deborah Garcia
 of Folsom, Ca.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

ITEM 11 STA 729

From: [Janice Price](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:29:50 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please do not raise our taxes especially now considering the pandemic we have before us!
(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennifer and Wayne Wood](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: shansen@cityofsacramento.org; [Eric Guerra](mailto:Eric.Guerra); jsharris@cityofsacramento.org; corrprincess@ardennet.com; [Kennedy, Supervisor](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); [Nottoli, Don](#); ggatewood@cityofranchocordova.org; [Darren Suen](#); [Will Kempton](#); [Frost, Supervisor](#); [Susan Peters](#); jburrows@cityofsacramento.org; dsteinberg@cityofsacramento.org; smiller@citrusheights.net; phume@elkgrovecity.org; psandhu@cityofgalt.org
Subject: Public Comment for STA 5-14-2020 BoD Meeting Agenda Item 11
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:49:37 PM

Dear Sacramento County Board Clerk,

Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record for Agenda Item #11: Adoption Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Approval Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot

Please adopt the final Ordinance No. STA 20-00, including the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan, and approve a request to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors for certification of the Ordinance for the November ballot.

The need for long-overdue infrastructure investments has not gone away with the appearance of the pandemic. When passed, the 2020 Measure A Transportation Expenditure Plan will allow new project work to be combined with existing project plans to accelerate local construction work on critical projects. This will aid in getting the county's economy moving again, providing repaired and complete streets, and needed transit improvements and efficiencies to carry us into a better future.

While I would have preferred a higher proportion of funding to go to active and public transportation, the expenditure plan represents a decent compromise among the variety of perspectives held across the County.

Please give county voters the chance in November to decide on this plan to help kickstart our economic recovery alongside needed investments in critical projects that benefit everyone.

Thank you,

Jennifer Wood
Sacramento, CA
May 13

From: freedom9115@1791.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for STA May 14 Meeting Regarding Agenda #11 "Adoption of Ordinance No. STA 20-001"
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:57:05 AM

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Please read my statement publicly and out loud for the record.

Dear Sir/Madam:

I oppose any tax increase for any reason. I have been a taxpayer and homeowner in Sacramento County since 2002, and I have watched each level of government take incrementally more and more in taxes-- utility charges, city use fees, state surcharges—whatever name they assign, it is still a tax. Are the other two transportation taxes not enough?

My first preference is to prevent this Measure A from being adopted and placed on the November 2020 ballot. I urge the Board to **not adopt** the ordinance—vote NO on Measure A. Should the measure be adopted and placed on the November 2020 ballot, my hope is that it is SOUNDLY defeated by a voting public that finally recognizes our power to say NO.

Thank you,

Susan Mason
Elk Grove CA

From: [Cadelago, Joseph](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment from Waste Management, Agenda Item #4
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:08:07 AM

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May 14, 2020

To: SWA Board of Directors
From: Waste Management dba Sacramento Valley Disposal

Re: Item 4, Temporary Waiver of Diversion Penalties due to COVID-19

Board of Directors,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments regarding Agenda Item #4, the consideration of a temporary waiver of diversion penalties. We would like to thank the SWA staff for meeting with us and the continuous open dialogue during the shelter-in-place directives. We are appreciative of this partnership and the consideration of the SWA Board to provide temporary relief to the franchise haulers.

COVID-19 has had an impact on our business, our employees, customers and community. As an essential service, our top priority has been the safety of our employees so that they can continue to serve, provide solutions and support our SWA customers.

Protecting Our Employees:

Upon the shelter-in-place directives, WM immediately put into place measures to protect and support our employees.

- Adhering to the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) and other agencies
- Prioritizing social distancing
 - Internal processes reorganized for our drivers and MRF workers to allow for safe distancing.
 - Safety - sanitizers, masks, additional PPE for drivers and MRF workers
 - Provided remote work options

Serving our Customers:

- Local businesses are suspending, reducing, and canceling service
- Proactive Outbound Calls – WM is right-sizing commercial customers to provide the services the customers need at this time
- Continuing to support SWA Recycle programs
- Looking forward:
 - Developing an operations and customer service plan to prepare for Phase 2 and 3 of State and Sacramento County reopening plans

- Continuing to prepare for July 1 start date of mandatory 3-container system for source-separated solid waste, organics and recycling material.

Thank you,

Joe Cadelago
Public Sector Services Manager
jcadelag@wm.com
Cell: 209-200-1747

Waste Management
Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove

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From: [Dietrich, Nathan T](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Philip](#)
Subject: RE: STA Public comment
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:36:28 AM

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I apologize, I now see the Board request comments via email in writing. Here is the public comment that I would like to submit (Agenda Item 11):

Sacramento State encourages and supports robust funding in the draft transportation expenditure plan that prioritizes transit, pedestrian, and bicycle safety, while also seeking to reduce traffic congestion on local roads and freeways.

We are pleased the plan presented to the Board supports these goals.

In particular, we are pleased that the expenditure plan specifically suggests funding a bike and pedestrian tunnel at 67th Street and research into innovative mobility solutions.

If we can improve access to campus by our 31,000 students, 3,000 faculty and staff, and the thousands of annual visitors to Sacramento State, we can make real progress in reducing vehicle miles traveled and congestion on Highway 50, as well as on major thoroughfares, and the surrounding neighborhood streets. Sacramento State stands ready to be at true partner and support efforts that provide well thought out and innovative solutions to pressing transportation challenges confronting our region.

We believe that the inclusion of local projects, transit, complete streets, allocation to the SAQMD, and the Fix it First principles make this proposal a well-rounded and well-planned measure.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment in support of Agenda Item 11 and for your consideration.

From: Dietrich, Nathan T
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:14 AM
To: BoardClerk@saccounty.net
Cc: Phil Garcia (garciap@csus.edu) <garciap@saclink.csus.edu>
Subject: STA Public comment

Hello, I would like to offer public comment in support of Item #11 (Measure A Ballot Measure) on today's STA Agenda, on behalf of Sacramento State.

Thank you,

-Nathan Dietrich

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From: [Scott German, CPA](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: REMOVE measure A Tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:03:26 PM

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Dear Clerk,

As a Sacramento County Resident I have seen the county repeatedly increase taxes with the promise to better maintain roads. As yet I have not seen the promise being kept. I urge the Board to remove this from current action since the funds will clearly be diverted to pay for COVID 19 related costs and NOT for the purpose that will be put forward.



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ITEM 11 STA 735

From: [Debra Desrosiers](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento Transportation Authority - May 14 2020 Board Meeting Agenda Item 11 - opposition
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:31:17 AM
Attachments: [HJTA Opposition Agenda Item 11 May 14 2020 STA 20-01.pdf](#)

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please read the attached opposition to STA Ordinance 20-01, Agenda Item 11 into the meeting minutes.

Respectfully,

Debra Desrosiers

Debra Desrosiers, Executive Assistant

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
921 11th Street, Ste. 1201
Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone (916) 444-9950

From: [Bruce Lee](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sacramento Transportation Authority May 14 Agenda Item 11 - Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:35:52 PM

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Dear Directors of the Sacramento County Transportation Authority,

I am writing to express my opposition to Measure A, Agenda Item 11 of your May 14, 2020 Board meeting. And, please read my following public comment into the record. Thank you.

I have been a resident of Sacramento County for decades and have seen massive changes within our community. Some for the better and perhaps some for the worse.

One of the greatest changes for the worse has been the growing sense of detachment of the citizens from their government.

And, this detachment comes from at least two reasons:

First, the sense that the **government is doing things "to" the people and not "with" the people.**

Secondly, there is the sense that **government treats taxes as "their" money and not as the "citizens" money.**

And, the proposed Measure A half-cent sales tax increase for all of Sacramento County embodies both of these concerns.

The residents of Sacramento County are trying to tell the Transportation Authority that now is not the time for any tax increases. We are currently in the middle of a pandemic and economic melt down which will have ramifications for years! Unemployment is soaring. Businesses are shut and many, many will never reopen. There is a massive sense of uncertainty in the community and thousands are just trying to survive. It looks stupid to try to force a sales tax increase down our throats, and Transportation Board will look very bad if this measure is forced through.

A 9.25% sales tax rate in Sacramento County will make us higher than 88 percent of all counties nationwide. If I have a large purchase to make, I'll go to Placer County where the rate is only 7.75%.

I live on a fixed income, and the pandemic has withered my resources as well. And, the higher sales tax rate will only make the economic recovery longer and longer

Plus, public polling has shown that residents want their tax dollars invested in maintaining their roads, more so than on transit operations and the like. However, in the the last ten years with the current half-cent tax, only 30 percent of those tax dollars went to our roads. I believe we should focus on using our existing two transportation taxes better, rather than adding to the tax burden during a pandemic.

Please listen to the public, please vote "no" on Measure A, and please restore public confidence in our government. We are all in this together and we are watching.

And, on a positive note, let me thank you for your service as local-electeds. I do appreciate the challenges we face together.

Yours sincerely,

--

Bruce

Bruce Lee

A Long-Time Resident

From: sdubya@tutanota.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: sales tax increase
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:12:05 PM

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The government recently diverted gas tax dollars which voters approved in a referendum. Enough already! Retrieve that money before adding more. We are not an under-taxed people in California.

Stop! No! If anything, REDUCE the sales tax.

Steve Wright
OrangeVale

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From: [j.glorioso](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sales tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:34:22 PM

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No way are we voting for another increase in sale taxes!!!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Greg Pay](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Sales tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:28:02 PM

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Now is NOT The time for another tax of any kind. We (California) have some of the highest taxes in the nation and it's time to curb any and all tax for the foreseeable future!

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 11 STA 740

From: [Dietrich, Nathan T](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Garcia, Philip](#)
Subject: STA Public comment
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:14:05 AM

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Thank you,

-Nathan Dietrich

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From: [Nina Caron](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#); info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: STOP ANOTHER TAX INCREASE NO on "A"
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:26:52 AM

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Board Clerk,

I reside in Gold River an unincorporated community in Sacramento County. I implore you to not increase our sales taxes. Given what has happened to our economy the increase would be disastrous; businesses will leave the county and with them jobs, consumers will not make large purchases, and your tax coffer will dwindle not increase. Do you not learn from the past?

Sacramento County is already paying two other transportation taxes, we as individuals have had to prioritize our spending with less income and so should our government officials.

Please refer my message to item #11 on the agenda so it will be read into the meeting record.

With Gratitude,

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Nina Caron
Gold River, California 95670

From: [Shelly Ellis](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: tax hike NO!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:36:23 PM

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Seriously we are not impacted enough economically?
Just because your pay continued does not mean others have.
Please use the current taxes collected as they were designed.
Live within a budget like the people you are suppose to be serving

Shelly Ellis

From: [Art Taylor](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax Hike- NO
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:47:36 AM

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I would suggest you are selecting the worst time to seek a tax hike, for anything. Not recommended. Art Taylor

From: [DoLee Spurgeon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax increase.
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:46:31 PM

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I might be amenable to a small tax increase if I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt the funds would be used as indicated. However, based on previous results I am totally against it. When you learn to budget like the citizens have to do and live within what you have, instead of just raising taxes I'll think about. Your track record does not warrant anymore of my money.

DoLee Spurgeon
4301 Don River Lane
Sacramento. 95834

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 11 STA 745

From: nanbosl@comcast.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax say no
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:30:09 PM

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No raise in taxes. Keep it off ballot.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [allen.conwell](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:46:53 AM

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Couldn't pick a worse time to want to add a tax, Californians are over taxed as it is.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Ryan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:10:37 PM

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Tax money is not spent wisely. Until the financial situation is placed under control we don't need new tax. Don't miss spend what's not yours.

From: [marylou.colombo](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:54:48 PM

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NO TO THE TAX HIKE!

From: [Marty Pruett](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:58:52 AM

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Keep the half cent tax off the ballot and tax the politicians who keep raising our taxes and then don't do what they say. They keep raising our taxes in promise to fix our roads or our schools but yet our roads are in shambles. As far as the schools go the lottery was supposed to go to the schools but instead the pots get bigger and the money just disappears!!!

From: [Mike McCoy](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Taxes
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:13:00 PM

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Raising taxes in the midst of a pandemic is reprehensible. Enough said.

Mike McCoy
8340 ascolano ave
Fair oaks ca
916 494 8969

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From: [Ruth Jeter](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Taxes
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:49:30 PM

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Please! No more taxes. It's hard enough to live with todays costs.
Sent from my iPad

From: [BARBARA FRENCH](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Taxes`
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:09:12 PM

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NO MORE TAXES. WE TAXPAYERS HAD ENOUGH. CA. IS HIGHEST TAX STATE
IN THE U.S. iAM A HOMEOWNER IN THIS STATE AND WE ARE ALL TIRED OF
THE TAX BASE.

ITEM 11 STA 753

From: [Douglas](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Transportation Tax
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:38:41 PM

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I strongly oppose any new "transportation" tax, particularly one so heavily weighed toward mass transit. Thank you.
Douglas E. McWilliams

From: [Mike](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: [Nottoli, Don](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:27:55 AM

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Dear STA Board Clerk,

Please find my public comment regarding agenda item #11. I am requesting that my comments be read into the meeting record regarding Measure A.

I am a 40 year plus resident of Sacramento County and reside in the city of Elk Grove. **I am asking for a NO vote on Measure A.**

- Sacramento County residents are already paying for two other transportation taxes.
- Business and jobs will leave the County due to excessive taxation.
- We've had to prioritize our spending with less income, so should our government officials.
- With the current unstable economy due to Covid-19, this is not the time to raise taxes.
- Residents are prioritizing their health and safety, not focusing on a tax increase.
- Small business and families cannot afford an increase in their cost of living.

Thank you,

Mike Story

From: [Verlin Hamby Jr.](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: We pay too much already!
Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:34:15 PM

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Then we have Newsom giving money to illegals! STOP ALREADY! Use what is already available!
California Taxpayers Have had it with tax increases. No! to any increase of any size or denomination to
Taxes!

Thank you for your time Mr. Hamby

ITEM 11 STA 756

From: [9856CB](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Your Sales Tax Increase
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:35:23 AM

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Because of the previous sales tax increases that have been proposed in the past and voted positive, you've FAILED to appropriate and utilize the funds properly. I will NOT vote for any more increases until I see taxes used properly
Tom Dinen

From: [Bryan Little](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:01:00 PM

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I am opposed to the proposed tax increase. With so many of us out of work now, this is an unwise time to impose any tax increases.

(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

From: [Susan Moline](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:29:22 PM

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Sacramento and California have way too high taxes now

ITEM 11 STA - POST MEETING 759

From: trudymohr@juno.com
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Item #11
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:00:08 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, do not click links/attachments.

Please don't increase our taxes under Measure A. People can't afford it. Please maintain our existing roads and stop diverting existing transportation tax revenues to non-road purposes.

ITEM 11 STA - POST MEETING 760

From: [Patti Catalano](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: May 14th Agenda -public comment for Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:40:23 PM

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A firm “NO” to raising sales tax.

Its never enough- all the sales tax and gas tax collected now does not get put to good use-our roads are a mess; Madison Ave, Greenback Lane, etc.

We do not have bottomless pockets. We all have to live within our means. Time for the county to do so too.

~Patti & David Catalano
Citrus Hts CA

ITEM 11 STA - POST MEETING 761

From: [Joe Lippe](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: info@sacramentotaxpayers.com
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:23:49 PM

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I do not support another tax increase. It's already difficult to live in California due to the high cost of living. Sacramento and do not need an additional tax levied on them to finance irresponsible expenditures.

I request that my message is read into the meeting record.

Joe
Sacramento
95816

ITEM 11 STA - POST MEETING 762

From: [Larry Fritz](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:08:33 PM

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Dear Sirs,

This is a horrible time for a tax increase. And I am really tired of tax increases to fix the roads that siphon so much money away for public transit. Please don't vote to put this on the ballot. At this time, we have enough personal financial problems and we have enough empty busses.

Larry Fritz
6427 Wittenham Way
Orangevale, CA 95662

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ITEM 11 STA - POST MEETING 763

From: [Terry Coyne](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:22:15 PM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

To Sacramento County Board of Supervisors:

We vehemently object to another transportation tax. We still have another 20 years left on road taxes in addition to the recent gas tax the legislature approved yet our existing roads are still not getting fixed.

Also we strongly oppose the Highway 50 interchange between Hazel Avenue & Sunrise Blvd.

No more transportation taxes!

Michael & Terry Coyne

From: [Ed Bartholome](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Proposed Tax Increase...
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:52:46 PM

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During the current Pandemic is not a very prudent thing. How many people are unemployed in Sacramento County right now. Some are losing their homes, can't afford car insurance or car payments, the list of added burdens goes on and on. Let's not add to it please. Not now.

Sincerely,

Ed Bartholome
7940 Oak Forest St
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
916.728.1923

From: [Catherine Haviland](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 7:41:14 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

I live in Citrus Heights. I am opposed to a sales tax increase for transit. To ,yet again burden people with more taxes seems the wrong move. How about fix the current roads for our drivers. Thank you.

From: gotdieselsmoke@sbcglobal.net
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:11:06 AM

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Sacramento County Board,

I believe there is enough \$ in the budget (income) to cover ALL needed costs to run County.

Sue Frost has her ear to the ground and has some credible solutions for ROADS.

I believe this is the time for all counties come together and tell the state legislators that prevailing wage is no longer needed.

The savings for projects would be enough to keep projects moving and able to stay on top of expenditures.

As a former business owner I understand there are times of change and creativity to tackle shortfalls.

I believe and trust there are SMART people in your organization and that creativity and thought can come up with solutions.

MY THOUGHT IS NO NEW TAX

Thank you for your time and consideration on this sales tax or other tax initiatives.

Dean Rue



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From: [Claire Townsend](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:09:11 PM

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Hello

With regards to proposed measure A transportation expenditure plan, please can you explain to me what the * means for the 3 items below. I could not find this in the document.

Also, weren't the items below supposed to be covered by measure B when it was voted in a few years ago? Hasn't money already been set aside for below items from measure B? Is there a document available showing what this money was spent on?

What is the timeline on the Oak Avenue Parkway Interchange? It's been on the table for years with no progress.

Thank you,

Claire Townsend

Folsom (5.29%)

\$ 168.05

- "Fix It First" Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation
- Construct US-50 at Empire Ranch Road Interchange*
- Construct US-50 at Oak Avenue Parkway Interchange*
- Widen White Rock Road (Prairie City Road – Empire Ranch Road)*
- Folsom Blvd Bicycle Overcrossing
- Intelligent Transportation System Improvements
- Bicycle Master Plan Implementation
- Pedestrian Master Plan Implementation
- Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Implementation
- Folsom Lake State Recreation Area Trail Projects
- Support of a Local Transportation Management Agency

From: [Brenda Renison](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:08:15 PM

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We already pay enough sales tax! I am not very happy with the way our tax dollars are being spent now. Our roads are crumbling and you guys just want to put money into public transportation Just like the G. Newsom did get our money and tell us it's for one thing and then pull a bait and switch, spend it somewhere else....I tell ya if I could afford to move out of CA I would! I am fed up with the crap that is going on! Giving our money to criminals and not looking out for the citizens and such has gone too far! Increased sales tax is just a scam to take more of hard working peoples money. Stay out of our pockets!

ITEM 11 PUBLIC COMMENT STA 769

From: [David May](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 23, 2020 6:03:32 AM

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(Please publicly read the following statement out loud into the record)

Taxes are already too expensive, and funds are squandered. Please do not raise taxes again.

Dave May

ITEM 11 PUBLIC COMMENT STA 770

From: [Susie M L](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment 5-14-20 / Ordinance No. STA 20-001
Date: Saturday, May 23, 2020 7:51:59 AM

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We are taxed to death in California. Government is out of control, and the huge surplus under Brown is now gone with billions more debt incurred under Newsome. With so many people unemployed, underemployed, etc., with Covid-19, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO RAISE TAXES!

Susie Lupinett