

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 001

From: [J Ludwig](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: 7/15/20 Board item for Tax increase at Sacramento Transportation Authority Meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:28:28 PM

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Hello Board;

As a registered voter and home owner in Sacramento County, I ask that you deny/decline/vote no on any tax increase for Sacramento County.

In this time of financial distress/pandemic, the residents do not need to be further taxed for road repairs that have been far and few. The road conditions have been bad and in poor condition for a number of years (I have lived here 20+ years) and were supposedly to be remedied in earlier/previous tax increases.

Again, vote no/deny/decline any and all tax increases for Sacramento County and the Sacramento Transportation Authority.

Repeal the measure, remove the measure from the upcoming November ballot.

Thank you, in advance.

Joseph Ludwig
5013 Beryl Place
Antelope, CA 95843

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 002

From: [Carole McIntosh](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Board Meeting on 7/15 - proposed .5% sales tax
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:54:03 PM

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors/ Transportation Board

We urge a NO vote on the proposed .5% sales tax increase for the following reasons:

1. Californians are already taxed to death — a 12 cent/gallon gas tax was “voted” on during the November 2018 election with the expectation that the revenue would be used for roads, and related “transportation” issues. Why does Sacramento County need its own additional tax?
2. The Federal government has said they expect California to get its taxation house in order before “bail out” money will be forthcoming. A NO vote will indicate an intent to control taxation. It’s not “timing”; an additional tax is bad policy.
3. A sales tax unfairly and unevenly impacts the lower economic rungs of society — in a terrible time for all of us — economically, emotionally, health-wise and in most any other way.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote NO; not just now, FOREVER!

Carole and Pat McIntosh
(916) 488-4140

Fourth generation Californians
Sacramento County residents since 1955
We’re tired of this nonsense and ashamed of elected officials and board members who have not made good decisions

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 003

From: [Catherine Cook](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Chairman Darren Suen
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:21:38 PM

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I am opposed to a Sales Tax Increase at this time. People are struggling to make ends meet and the last thing we need is another tax burden on our backs. Businesses are stressed to the max, trying to recover from this devastating pandemic shutdown. None of us can afford any tax increase at this moment in time. Enough is enough !! Please read my comments into the official record.
Thank You, Cathy Cook

From: [Nick Bloise](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Comments for July 15th Sac Transportation Authority Meeting / Measure A Sales Tax Vote
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:44:52 AM

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Board Clerk: I would like my message to be read to the STA Board at the 15 July 2020 meeting.

Dear STA Chairman Darren Suen

I would like to join my friends at the National Action Network (NAN) Sacramento, the NAACP, SacLatino Community Roundtable, and the Sacramento Taxpayers Association in opposing a new Measure A 1/2 cent sales tax.

Please seriously consider the following:

1. It is the wrong time in the midst of a pandemic to raise taxes.
2. This is a social and economic justice issue for my brothers and sisters in more economically challenged portions of Sacramento County. This is a regressive tax which impacts poorer citizens hardest.
3. Most folks, both in the private and public sector, have taken substantial pay cuts. State, County, and municipal employees (who represent a significant portion of our economy) have taken 5% to 10% pay cuts. More sales tax adds to their family budget burdens.
4. Your own polling shows this measure will lose in November 2020, and this would cost citizens of Sacramento County \$1 million in funds. Those funds could be used to fix roads or support other desperately needed programs.

I ask you to please reconsider the Measure A sales tax, and vote NO on putting it on the November 2020 ballot. Now is not the time.

Respectfully,

Nick Bloise
Carmichael, CA
benthomas1775@gmail.com
(916)217-5136

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From: [Leslie Ginter](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Do NOT Pass Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:54:23 PM

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Regards,

Leslie Ginter

From: [Bryan Ginter](#)
To: dsuen@elkgrovecity.org
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Do NOT Pass Measure A
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:33:15 AM

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Dear Mr. [Suen](#),

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Bryan Ginter

Family Law Attorney & Mediator

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From: [Bryan Ginter](#)
To: [Supervisor Serna](#)
Cc: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Do NOT Pass Measure A
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:29:12 AM

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From: [Munoz, Alma](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: FW: Measure A Tax Increase
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:23:48 PM

For the record

From: Darren Suen
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:48 PM
To: Munoz, Alma
Subject: Fwd: Measure A Tax Increase

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Hi Alma,
I received this for the record. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Darren Suen, P.E., MBA, PMP
Elk Grove City Councilmember, District One
(916) 479-6266
Please contact Carolyn Cohen at CCohen@elkgrovecity.org for any meeting requests.
Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

From: La Shone Stucker <qlstucker@gmail.com>
Date: July 11, 2020 at 1:20:33 PM PDT
To: Darren Suen <dsuen@elkgrovecity.org>
Subject: Measure A Tax Increase

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Please read my public comments aloud at the meeting;
No thanks on the tax increase. Find the money from other sources. Stop taxing the people for projects that we already pay taxes for.
No on Measure A, enough is enough.

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La Shone

By sending us an email (electronic mail message) or filling out a web form, you are sending us personal information (i.e. your name, address, email address or other information). We store this information in order to respond to or process your request or otherwise resolve the subject matter of your submission.

Certain information that you provide us is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements. This means that if it is specifically requested by a member of the public, we are required to provide the information to the person requesting it. We may share personally identifying information with other City of Elk Grove departments or agencies in order to respond to your request. In some circumstances we also may be required by law to disclose information in accordance with the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements.

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 011

From: [Sharon Peterson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Fwd: Measure A proposed sales tax--Attn Phil Serna
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:58:13 PM

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Attn: Darren Suen:

We are county residents, who along with all of our neighbors, cannot believe the disrepair of the streets in the Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Carmichael area. Our area has not been favored by use of tax money that has already been allotted for transportation purposes in the county. Driving down even our main thoroughfare--Madison Avenue, is a very jarring experience. It is disappointing that we have seen almost no progress from measures we have already approved for street improvements nor improvements one would naturally assume would be covered in a normal street maintenance budget. The transition from county streets into the neighboring areas of Roseville and Folsom point out the glaring differences between well maintained streets and those that are the rule in Sacramento county.

With this major problem in mind, please know that a vast majority of the residents in our area would appreciate resurfacing of our local streets where it is glaringly evident that it is needed. We do not need to pay more taxes to be spent, on, who knows what, and then still deal with the major disrepair of our streets.

.5 % of our sales tax is already supposed to go for transportation. We pay more in gas taxes for repairs, forcing our gas cost to be far higher than any place else in the country. Most of us non-government folks assumed these added revenue burdens would translate to ROAD REPAIRS--fill the potholes, smooth out the pavement.

Evidently the "powers that be". don't get that idea and just want to charge us more--FOR WHAT?

If the county and the transportation authority really want to get community support for their activities they should compose a list of items that would be improved with the tax moneys generated by any measure put forth. These should be specific items referencing specific streets and the proposed repairs that would take place if funds were approved. The taxpayers are tired of signing blank checks and seeing little improvement.

The money that would be spent on putting this item, Measure A, on the ballot, would be a good down payment on the cost of doing the road repairs our area desperately needs. Our county is suffering from too much bureaucratic wasteful spending and not enough attention to the real needs of the community. I speak for every neighbor in our area.

Please read my comments at your meeting on July 14th.

Sharon Peterson

Sharon Peterson
(916) 966-4802 Ph
(916) 417-3358 cell

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 012

From: [Bruce Lee](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A - Agenda Item 3 - Sac Transportation Authority July 15, 2020 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:55:54 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Transportation Authority:

It is imperative that Sacramento's elected officials stop the punishment of struggling Sacramento residents and businesses reeling from massive job losses and crashing business revenues. It's downright cruel and greedy for our elected representatives to press ahead with a massive new tax hike when Sacramento is suffering more than it has since the great depression.

Local governments in Sacramento county are enjoying a huge tax windfall from California's recent gas tax and vehicle registration fee hikes, which are now giving them more than 50% of the tax revenues that "Measure A" would produce for them. Meanwhile, voters in the city of Sacramento just two years ago passed a one percent sales tax hike, raising its sales tax rate to 8.75%. If "Measure A" were to pass, it would take the city tax rate to an eye-popping 9.25% rate at a time of record unemployment and business failures.

That is being abusive of people. We expect better from our government. **Please vote to rescind your Measure A proposal and restore the faith of citizens in their elected government. And, please read my email comments into the public record at your July 15, 2020 special meeting.**

Thank you very much! I know that the work you do is very difficult and must balance many competing concerns. However, now is not the time for Measure A.

--

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

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 013

From: [Liz Burke](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A November 2020 Ballot
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:37:09 PM

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Dear Mr. Darren Suen,

The Sacramento Transportation Authority should not spend over 1 million taxpayer dollars to put Measure A on the November 2020 Ballot. Raising the sales tax to 9.25% at this time is ridiculous!! Millions of Sacramento County citizens and business owners are struggling financially. Making the purchase of products higher in this county will just make it harder for the businesses to keep customers in this county. Please reconsider the decision to put measure A on the ballot....it is not the time to make life more expensive!!

Please read my public comments aloud at the meeting.

Elizabeth Burke
6800 Albury Street
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

From: [Sharon Peterson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A proposed sales tax--Attn Phil Serna
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:51:58 PM

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Attn: Phil Serna

We are county residents, who along with all of our neighbors, cannot believe the disrepair of the streets in the Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, Carmichael area. Our area has not been favored by use of tax money that has already been allotted for transportation purposes in the county.

Driving down even our main thoroughfare--Madison Avenue, is a very jarring experience. It is disappointing that we have seen almost no progress from measures we have already approved for street improvements nor improvements one would naturally assume would be covered in a normal street maintenance budget. The transition from county streets into the neighboring areas of Roseville and Folsom point out the glaring differences between well maintained streets and those that are the rule in Sacramento county.

With this major problem in mind, please know that a vast majority of the residents in our area would appreciate resurfacing of our local streets where it is glaringly evident that it is needed. We do not need to pay more taxes to be spent, on, who knows what, and then still deal with the major disrepair of our streets.

.5 % of our sales tax is already supposed to go for transportation. We pay more in gas taxes for repairs, forcing our gas cost to be far higher than any place else in the country. Most of us non-government folks assumed these added revenue burdens would translate to ROAD REPAIRS--fill the potholes, smooth out the pavement.

Evidently the "powers that be". don't get that idea and just want to charge us more--FOR WHAT?

If the county and the transportation authority really want to get community support for their activities they should compose a list of items that would be improved with the tax moneys generated by any measure put forth. These should be specific items referencing specific streets and the proposed repairs that would take place if funds were approved. The taxpayers are tired of signing blank checks and seeing little improvement.

The money that would be spent on putting this item, Measure A, on the ballot, would be a good down payment on the cost of doing the road repairs our area desperately needs. Our county is suffering from too much bureaucratic wasteful spending and not enough attention to the real needs of the community. I speak for every neighbor in our area.

Please read my comments at your meeting on July 14th.

Sharon Peterson

Sharon Peterson
(916) 966-4802 Ph
(916) 417-3358 cell

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 015

From: [Loretta Haynes](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:30:35 AM

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We are writing to plead for NO tax increase! As seniors, 79 & 82 living in Fair Oaks, we are already maxed out with property tax of over \$5,700 a yr. A higher sales tax would add to our burden.

Please do not entertain Measure A.

Thank you,

Loretta and Richard Haynes

PS: Our CA born and raised son, and his family and business, LEFT CA IN MARCH BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE ANY LONGER! Don't make us move to TN also!

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

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 016

From: [Wally Schiek Rev1906](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:40:38 PM

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

Hi,

I agree with Sue Frost. Please look for other ways to solve financial shortage than to raise taxes in this perilous time.

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 017

From: [Sharon Taylor](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:38:08 PM

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No on measure A, no tax increase for this year.

Sharon Taylor 8106 Wachtel Way, Orangevale, 95662

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 018

From: [Lana Dresser](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:50:22 AM

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

Please do not consider raising taxes AGAIN. Many I know are struggling and talking about leaving. just make good use of money already received. Please and Thank you!!

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 019

From: [Starr Reimer](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:27:37 AM

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As a senior and a struggling business owner, the last thing I need is a new tax. I'm taxed enough already. It's mind blowing that a new tax would even be considered. Enough already! Fiscal management is what's needed!

Starr Reimer

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 020

From: [Julie Bley](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:08:27 AM

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

You've got to be kidding! I oppose further taxes. You cannot put additional tax burdens on us, especially now.

I challenge you to better manage what you already have. That's what we as a family do when times are tough!

Taxpayer,
Julie Bley

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 021

From: [Erik Dalgarn](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:22:41 AM

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

Now is not the time for new taxes. Please vote no on measure A.

Thank you,

Erik Dalgarn

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 022

From: [Manu S](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:35:47 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that Sacramento County is trying to increase taxes for road repairs, transportation, etc. This has happened in the past and with not much improvement in our roads.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on any tax increase that will put a heavy yolk on people, already hard hit by the ongoing pandemic and unstable economy.

Please work better using the already available money/taxes and work on efficiency.

Thank you for hearing our voices!

Manuela Szabo
Sacramento County Resident

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 023

From: [Christopher Giasson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:56:39 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Yes, we have bad roads. My question is one I'm sure has been asked thousands of times. What happened to the millions of wasted taxpayers money that should've been used for the roads. NOW YOUR INCONSIDERATE BOARD WANT TO RAISE TAXES ON FOLKS THAT RECENTLY HAVE BEEN MADE HOMELESS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC!!

This is insane and instead of raising taxes just maybe current crop of politicians would look at budgets and the backdoor deals that robbed that pot of money in the first place.

Christopher Giasson

Sent from my iPhone Chris

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 024

From: [Murad Sarama](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:43:16 AM

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

My county supervisor is opposing to get roads fixed I guess? I am asking Supervisor Frost to stop by and take a look at Roseville Road before the Placer County line and other crumbling roads in her district before asking her constituents to send an email to oppose a tax increase.

Yes for taxes to fix roads in Sacramento County.

Regards,

Murad "Moe" Sarama
Sacramento County District 4

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 025

From: [Janie Dudzic](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:53:11 PM

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No more taxes please!!

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 026

From: [Casey Brennen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:39:58 AM

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

Life long Sacramento resident here,

Please do not push for a tax increase to be placed on the November ballot. As a citizen attempting to get out from the clutches of poverty and into the middle class, taxes are the most burdensome expense I and many other struggling California's have to deal with. Everything in life is taxed and you pay for those taxes with post-taxed money. Please stop increasing our already unbearable taxes we California's are expected to pay, and if we decide not to pay then we get thrown in a cage like animals. Please show civility and heart when discussing your policies that will impact one and a half million lives.

Casey B.

Sincerely a concerned citizen,

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 027

From: [Sandra Nunez](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:28:40 AM

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No! We just had a gas tax increase on July 1st. We now pay 50 cents a gallon in state tax. Where is all that money going. Yes, the roads are crumbling! But no more taxes until we know exactly where every penny of our existing tax money is being spent.

Sandra Nunez
Fair Oaks.

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 028

From: [Julie King](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:01:45 AM

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No more taxes! Vote no to any and all tax increases, but especially Measure A.

Julie King

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ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 029

From: [Sharon Mueller](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:35:51 PM

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My road is crumbling, it looks like something out of a third world county. Do I want it fixed! Yes, I wanted it fixed several tax increases ago, but it never happened. I am not willing to pour more money into a losing proposition especially at this difficult time. I recently retired, my husband has been furloughed. This is the WRONG time to increase taxes. I am confident with the state economy that money wouldn't go to roads anyway. If this goes to the ballot, it's a no for me? I urge you to consider the same on July 15th!

Respectfully
Sharon mueller
Orangevale, CA

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 030

From: [Сергей Богомазюк](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:14:28 PM

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Please NO tax raise.

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ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 031

From: [Barbara Bready](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:17:38 PM

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

Bad idea to pursue a 40-year sales tax now or in the future, but especially now. Forty years!? I'll be dead, my children most likely will be, too, and the proponents of this bad idea will also be long gone.

Come up with a better plan that doesn't have to keep ratcheting up the county sales tax.

Sent from my iPad

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 032

From: [Betsy Graves Mahan](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure A
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:14:19 PM

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

Dear Chairman Suen,

Please read my comments aloud at the meeting.

I was pleased to see that the Sacramento Transportation Authority is revisiting their position to place a new Measure A sales tax increase on the November ballot. Taxpayers have enough burdens right now as we all have been harmed by the impact of the COVID pandemic. Jobs are in jeopardy, businesses are closing, and families are hurting, making this the wrong time to increase the cost of living in Sacramento County.

I understand there are projects you would like to fund, but ask you and your colleagues to re-prioritize your expenditures, just as families and businesses have been forced to do in this challenging economy.

Please keep this tax increase off the November ballot and use the \$1 million in savings to help families in need.

Sincerely,

Betsy Mahan
Sacramento County Voter

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 033

From: [Diane Ebbitt-Riehle](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Measure-A Sales Tax increase
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:19:46 AM

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

Please vote NO on the Measure-A Sales Tax increase. This will can only hurt the small businesses in Sacramento County. I am the Interim Executive Director of the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce; our businesses are next door to Placer County. If a consumer wants to make purchases from a store that is in both Citrus Heights and Roseville, they will go to the Roseville store, where the tax is less. Therefore, hurting the small businesses in our City.

Please read my public comments aloud at the meeting”

Diane Ebbitt-Riehle
Interim Executive Director
Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce

From: [John A. Swain, CEBS, CFP](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: My Public Comment Regarding: Measure A Sale Tax Increase
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:08:29 PM

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

**Dear Mr. Darren Suen, Chair of the Sacramento Transportation Authority
Could you please read my public comments aloud at the meeting?**

I oppose this tax increase because:

**Our local economy is in the tank. Small business owners are going bankrupt.
We need to help them, not hurt them.**

**Money is tight for nearly everyone, except for public employees and essential
employers. This measure will have a negative impact on the public perception
of local government officials' job performance and will lead to austerity
measures across the region.**

**Unemployment is growing. We should be reducing taxes and cutting the cost of
doing business in our local area. Increasing the cost is not helpful to
Sacramento resident's standard of living.**

**The statewide leaders of California are not delivering a business climate or
lifestyle that justifies the high taxes we pay. This measure proves that the
policies in place and the leadership are ineffective in maintaining our
competitive position. Maybe a change will improve our competitive standing in
the state and country.**

**Please don't continue to hurt our economy and waste our precious resources.
You should be proposing ways to cut costs and improve services, so our state
can start attracting business and employee growth. We need to reverse the
migration away from our area.**

Please be fiscally prudent and say no to this measure.

Best Regards,

**John A. Swain, CEBS, CFP
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ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 035

From: [Tammy Robinson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#); [Supervisor Serna](#); info@darrensuen.com
Cc: [Mahan, Betsy](#)
Subject: NO MEASURE A TAX INCREASE ON NOV BALLOT
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:54:00 PM

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PLEASE DO NOT PROCEED WITH PUTTING MEASURE A TAX INCREASE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. HOUSEHOLDS ARE HIT HARD AND STRUGGLING TERRIBLY WITH NO END IN SIGHT.

- The pandemic has ruined the economy making an \$8.4 billion tax increase even more harmful to consumers and businesses.
- A sales tax increase to 9.25% would be higher than 88% of other counties nationwide.
- Sacramento taxpayers are already paying two other transportation taxes, gas tax, state and federal taxes - enough!
- Do not waste \$1 million taxpayer dollars to place this measure on the ballot when it is expected to lose!

You can help put this tax increase to rest and save struggling families and businesses in our county from another hit to their budgets.

Thank you for putting families/tax payers FIRST!
Tammy Robinson

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 036

From: [Judith Anderson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No more tax
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:58:23 AM

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- Sacramento taxpayers are already paying two other transportation taxes, gas tax, state and federal taxes - enough!
- Do not waste \$1 million taxpayer dollars to place this measure on the ballot when it is expected to lose!

Thank you,

Judith Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 037

From: martha.murray
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](mailto:martha.murray)
Subject: No on Measure A : STA PLEASE READ ALOUD AT MEETING ON 7/15/2020
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:48:44 PM

EXTERNAL EMAIL: If unknown sender, **do not** click links/attachments.
As noted above, I request that my message be read aloud at the meeting.

Dear Supervisor Phil Serna, Chair of the Board, and Darren Suen, Chair of the STA.

Now that the STA has decided to revisit their decision to place the new tax increase on the November ballot, it is crucial that we, voters and residents of Sacramento Country, let you know that Measure A Tax Increase should be defeated!

Residents of Sacramento Country already pay taxes that are intended to be used for STA purposes, and this is not the right time to address proposing additional tax burdens on our residents. Here are some key concerns:

- The pandemic has ruined the economy making an \$8.4 billion tax increase even more harmful to consumers and businesses.
- A sales tax increase to 9.25% would be higher than 88% of other counties nationwide.
- Sacramento taxpayers are already paying two other transportation taxes, gas tax, state and federal taxes - enough!
- Do not waste \$1 million taxpayer dollars to place this measure on the ballot when it is expected to lose!
- Many small businesses are struggling due to the inconsistent messages already given by the Governor and Health officials regarding their re-opening and their requirement to shut down while larger global businesses like Costco, Kohls, Target, Walmart, can stay open. More taxes will drive them out of the country and the state.

Please put this tax increase to rest and save struggling families and businesses in our county from another hit to their budgets.

Martha M. Murray
(916) 804-0589
mmmurray95628@gmail.com

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 038

From: rita.piziali
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No on Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:09:17 PM

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- The pandemic has ruined the economy making a tax increase even more harmful to consumers and businesses.
- A sales tax increase to 9.25% would be higher than 88% of other counties nationwide.
- Sacramento taxpayers are already paying two other transportation taxes, gas tax, state and federal taxes - enough!
- Do not waste \$1 million taxpayer dollars to place this measure on the ballot when it is expected to lose!

This state needs a MAJOR overhaul of its finances and to tighten its belt and reduce entitlements and spending. WE have trillions in unfunded liabilities that you seem to continue to ignore. STOP THE INSANITY AND LIVING BEYOND OUR MEANS.

Rita Louise Piziali
(408) 529-0119 rlpiziali@gmail.com

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 039

From: [Luz Elia Meraz Johnson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: No to Measure A -READ ALOUD AT MEETING 7/14/2020
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:11:50 PM

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I do not believe that the additional tax would benefit our community. The tax hike is not the answer. Accountability of the already high taxes that we pay should be transparent and used for what they are supposed to be used for BEFORE any more tax increases. How are you asking that Californians, many who are small business owners losing their businesses, and even more who are currently unemployed, to give more of what they DON'T have? This is despicable and outrageous.

Luz Johnson
916.397.9490

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 040

From: [TOM MILTON](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: proposed sales tax increase
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:46:36 PM
Attachments: [COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TRANSPORTATION TAX INCREASE.docx](#)

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Darren Suen
Chair of the Sacramento Transportation Authority

Request my comments be read aloud at the meeting.

“Only the knowledge that the people care will keep the politicians honest.”

Thomas E. Milton

7947 Kyle Court
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
562-537-6011
inspectormilton@yahoo.com

July 11, 2020

Darren Suen

Chair of the Sacramento Transportation Authority

Reference to Item 11 on the Agenda. I am requesting my letter be read into the meeting record.

PETITION TO: Stop 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
- A small percentage of Sac residents will benefit from the projects outlined for this new tax

The pandemic has ruined the economy making a tax increase even more harmful to consumers and businesses.

An increase to 9.25% would be higher than 88% of other counties nationwide!

Sacramento taxpayers are already paying two other transportation taxes – and then there's the gas tax... Enough!

Only 30% of the new tax would be used to fix our roads.

It would cost taxpayers over \$1,000,000 just to put this on the November ballot!

As a result of the state government shutdown of California's economy, unemployment is at an all-time high and too many families are living paycheck to paycheck. We simply cannot afford higher taxes and higher costs for the goods and services we buy.

Respectfully submitted by:

Signed: Thomas E. Milton Date Signed: July 11, 2020
Thomas E. Milton

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 041

From: [Tim McMahon](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Public Comment for STA July 15 Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:45:19 AM

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

Dear Transportation Authority Board Members,

Please repeal Ordinance No. STA 20-001 and withdraw your request to the Board of Supervisors to place the measure on the November Ballot.

I ask you to do this for the following reasons:

1. It is unconscionable to contemplate a tax increase while in the midst of an economic calamity that to date in California has resulted 4.7 million initial jobless claims and an unemployment rate of 16.3 percent, 3 percentage points higher than the national average.
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 50 basis points higher than most of its neighboring counties, incenting residents to shop in neighboring counties. Raising Sacramento County sales tax an additional 50 basis points would further exacerbate this problem and make the County's sales tax higher than 88 percent of all counties nationwide.
5. High taxes and tax increases have a deleterious effect on business formation and retention and job creation and retention in the county.
6. Sacramento County residents are already paying at least two other transportation taxes as a result of gas taxes and state and federal 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.
8. In the May meeting you received an overwhelming response from over 700 respondents who opposed the ordinance. Subsequent polling has shown that the measure would fail in November. The people have made their views on this matter clear. Do not waste 1 million of the taxpayer's dollars to put this on the ballot in November.

Thank you.

Tim McMahon

Rancho Cordova

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 042

From: [Murad Sarama](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:48:41 PM

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Thank you, it is for the 15th Transit Authority Meeting.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 13, 2020, at 8:11 AM, Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net> wrote:
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> Murad,
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> Is this a public comment for the 7/14 Board of Supervisors meeting or the 7/15 Transit Authority meeting. Please clarify so we can add to the record.
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> Thank you
>
> Stephanie Townsend
> Deputy Clerk
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> 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Murad Sarama <moesarama@icloud.com>
> Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:43 AM
> To: Clerk of the Board Public Email <BoardClerk@saccounty.net>
> Subject: Measure A
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> My county supervisor is opposing to get roads fixed I guess? I am asking Supervisor Frost to stop by and take a look at Roseville Road before the Placer County line and other crumbling roads in her district before asking her constituents to send an email to oppose a tax increase.
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> Yes for taxes to fix roads in Sacramento County.
>
> Regards,
>
> Murad "Moe" Sarama
> Sacramento County District 4
>
> Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 043

From: [suzanne guthrie](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Sue Frost, Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:35:34 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-cid_image0.png](#)

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Thank you for the additional information, obviously I was looking in the wrong place, should have been Transportation Authority, all of this is rather confusing to a novice at commenting on issues. so I have rephrased as follows:

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Comment about:

Transportation Authority meeting 7/14 regarding Agenda item 3
. Consideration Of Repeal Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Withdrawal
Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The
November Ballot ◀

to : Sue Frost

Please note that I certainly do not wish to see this on the ballot as I will again vote against it. This is not the time to increase the sales tax. With the current state of unemployment, we are irresponsible to increase the cost of living. It is not that I want more potholes, and I use transit when not grounded due to the virus, but this will encourage even more discretionary purchases to be made out of the County, for those of us who have discretionary money. I thought that "normal" was to encourage shopping at our struggling local businesses? I voted against the last trial of this measure secondary to environmental concerns, while that is not so much the issue to me this time, I resent paying another million dollars to again have my voice heard. It seems more responsible to listen and not waste the money on a poorly timed ballot measure that could be used to address other needs. Again, this is an issue that does need to be addressed, but not at this time, and perhaps in a more focused format.

Thank you for listening

From: Clerk of the Board Public Email
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:44 AM
To: suzanne guthrie
Subject: RE: Sue Frost, Measure A

Hi Suzanne,

Is this a comment for the board of supervisors meeting on 7/14 or the Sacramento Transportation Authority meeting on 7/14. Below is the agenda item for the transportation authority.

3. Consideration Of Repeal Of Ordinance No. STA 20-001 And Withdrawal

Of Request To The Board of Supervisors To Place The Measure On The November Ballot ◀

Stephanie Townsend

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From: suzanne guthrie

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:04 AM

To: Clerk of the Board Public Email

Subject: Sue Frost, Measure A

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Dear Ms. Frost. I heard that the Board of Supervisors was going to do a final approval of placing Measure A on the ballot this fall. I did not see that on the agenda for July 14 to provide a comment with an agenda number. Please note that I certainly do not wish to see this on the ballot as I will again vote against it. This is not the time to increase the sales tax. With the current state of unemployment, we are irresponsible to increase the cost of living. It is not that I want more potholes, and I use transit when not grounded due to the virus, but this will encourage even more discretionary purchases to be made out of the County. I thought that "normal" was to encourage shopping at our struggling local businesses? I voted against the last trial of this measure secondary to environmental concerns, while that is not so much the issue to me this time, I resent paying another million dollars to again have my voice heard. It seems more responsible to listen and not waste the money that could be used to address other needs. Thank you for listening

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 044

From: [Bruce Forman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Re: Transportation measure comment.
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:38:31 PM

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I listed my name on bottom.

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> On Jul 13, 2020, at 3:37 PM, Bruce Forman <beforman@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> I support the transpiration tax measure.

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> We are in dire need to reduce the huge air pollution issue in our region. We greatly need more mass transit with RT. We need to improve widely deteriorated and inadequate roads. We need more use of e vehicles and hydrogen cell cars so expansion of fueling stations is important.

> By not enacting such a measure we incur more health issues which will be costly to society let alone shorten and worsen peoples lives.

> We have to think of the long term benefit despite current hardships.

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> We keep putting off this problem yet our region keeps growing fast. Now is the time to advance this measure. Voters need to be educated on the issue so they understand this is money well spent over the long term. We cannot keep delaying our responsibility to fix this increasing problem. Let the voters decide. And let's properly educate them first so they can vote with an knowledgeable foundation.

Bruce Forman

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> Sent from my iPhone

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 045

From: [Jofil Borja](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Cc: will@sacta.org; dsuen@elkgrovecity.org; [HLi](#); [Christopher Flores](#)
Subject: SacRT Letter to STA Board/ STA Meeting 7-15-20 (Agenda Item 3)
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:58:12 PM
Attachments: [7.14.20 STA Board Comment.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon Director Kempton and STA staff,

Please see the attached letter by SacRT GM/CEO Henry Li regarding Agenda Item 3 for tomorrow's meeting.

We appreciate your assistance and partnership during these challenging times.

Thanks,

JOFIL BORJA

Senior Community Relations Officer

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July 14, 2020

Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA)
801 12th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2020 Measure A

Dear Sacramento Transportation Authority Board:

Over the last two years, the authority has listened to the community, and through our collective hard work, critically examined what is needed to be done for the future of transportation in Sacramento. Alongside our team here at Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT), I would like to thank you and your staff for your ongoing support to regional and sustainability mobility.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought uncertain and difficult times with seemingly few solutions. Undoubtedly, all of us are worried about our health, the economy, and what the world looks like after recovery. In order to get our families back on their feet, we must focus on restoring Sacramento as soon as possible, and ensure that we fix our lingering problems that existed pre-pandemic.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, Sacramento faced worsening traffic, unsafe transportation, and desires from the community to expand and improve transit for everyone. Furthermore, the community is working to create a healthier future by addressing local pollution and climate change, as emphasized by the recent Report adopted by the Mayor's Commission on Climate Changes. These problems are urgent and will persist, even when we fully re-open or after we find a vaccine.

In a few months, 2021 would give us an opportunity to act boldly so we can inject significant long-term stimulus to improve the health of our local economy. As you have already seen, the University of the Pacific's Center for Business and Policy research estimates that a new measure would generate more than 3,000 jobs annually for the next 40 years and more than double investments in our region. Furthermore, polling shows that Sacramentans want a Measure that can leverage federal and state funding opportunities, and UOP predicts that this Measure would help the region secure \$13 billion from external funding sources.

Our ability to get the Sacramento region moving again through projects and getting people to work cannot be ignored. Despite COVID, SacRT has been committed to the health of Sacramento. We've kept essential services running, our team carefully employed, and our customers moving with safe transportation. We have even successfully launched paratransit services to ensure mobility for our ADA, non-ADA, and senior populations.

We have become much more than just a transit provider, but a backbone of social

services to the community. While your difficult decision today may have consequences for November 2020, I implore you to look at the immediate future.

We have the opportunity to bring back jobs, consumer spending, and support local business activity. And in doing so, we are creating a safer and healthier future for our families. Let's work together so that we can leverage Measure A's hard work into a stronger investment for next year. I invite you and our partners to work with SacRT, communities, stakeholders, businesses, labor, the paratransit, senior and public communities again so that we may get Sacramento moving towards a healthier, prosperous, and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Li", enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

Henry Li, General Manager/CEO
Sacramento Regional Transit District

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 046

From: [Bob Jackson](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax increase
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:04:37 PM

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Sacramento Transportation Authority,

I'm unable to be on the verbal exchange on the tax increase bill of half cent sales tax increase in Sacramento County on transportation that is before you because I will be attending to other business at the same time.

My comments:

I have called on many occasions to Sue Frost and to date I have not seen any improvement in road conditions in many years. I drive down Madison Ave and Greenback almost every day and these road are in very pour condition, just drive these and you will see. As I understand this tax increase proposal is going to have 40% going to public transportation which I think is totally wrong, 100% needs to go towards fixing our roads, I would think the taxes we are paying now should have taken care of this already. I don't think we need another tax increase, however if we have no other choice I would vote for it if it were just for the road repairs.

Lloyd Jackson

109 Burnt Creek Way

Folsom, CA 95630

916-952-4049

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 047

From: [April Dobbs](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax increase
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:29:24 AM

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I oppose any more tax increases to fund transportation, especially if any of it is directed at public transportation. We have been imposed upon enough with the outrageous gas tax increases (that were not voted for, just imposed) that were supposed to fix the streets and roads and have instead been diverted to other special interests. I drive an average of 50 miles per day mostly around town in Sacramento County and I'm appalled at the disrepair of many streets, especially when I know how much tax I'm paying to supposedly repair them. Please do not impose another tax. Just use the ones we already pay for the purposes we were told they would be used for.

April Dobbs, Citrus Heights

ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 048

From: [La Shone Stucker](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Tax Measure A
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:10:19 PM

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Please read my public comments aloud at the meeting.

Use some common sense. Stop trying to push an additional sales tax on the County of Sacramento residents. Especially during these times of the pandemic, just because you have jobs does not mean everyone does. Your pushing that this extra money will create jobs. Stop lying, find the money from other sources that you are already taxing and create these "jobs". You have brains, trying using them, the rest of us have to when our households run into expenses that we did not account for.

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ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 049

From: [Bruce Forman](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Transportation measure comment.
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:37:21 PM

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ITEM 3 STA PUBLIC COMMENT 050

From: [Ilene Martzen](#)
To: [Clerk of the Board Public Email](#)
Subject: Vote NO on Measure A
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:56:05 PM

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

Vote NO to Measure A

Please read my public comments aloud at the meeting.

My children and grandchildren will be paying this 40 year tax for decades.

It would cost taxpayers over \$1,000,000 to put this on the ballot!

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ilene Martzen, Board Chair
Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce
5911 Sunrise Mall
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405 812 6335 (Mobile)