

CITY OF GALT

MEASURE Q

CITY OF GALT ESSENTIAL SERVICES MEASURE. To maintain Galt's long-term financial stability; maintain City services such as 911 emergency response, parks, trails, youth/after-school programs; respond to property crimes/thefts/burglaries; retain/attract qualified police officers; improve local clean drinking water sources; retain/attract local businesses; for general government use; shall the measure establishing a 1¢ sales tax providing approximately \$3,600,000 annually until ended by voters; requiring audits, public spending disclosures, funds locally controlled, be adopted?

CITY OF GALT MEASURE Q CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

The City Council of the City of Galt placed Measure Q on the ballot to ask City voters whether to approve a one percent transactions and use tax. For example, the proposed tax would add 1¢ to the price of an item purchased for \$1.

At the one-cent rate, the proposed local sales tax would generate approximately \$3.6 million in revenue, increasing the City's ability to continue to address community priorities. Measure Q would not limit the use of the tax revenue; it is a "general tax" and not a "special tax" that restricts funds to any specific priorities or purposes. The City may use the funds from the tax for any governmental purposes and for community priorities, such as parks, recreation, and support for public safety and other municipal services. Measure Q revenue would be placed into the City's general fund and directed by the City to be used at its discretion.

The Measure does not include an automatic sunset in a term of years. Instead, it states that the tax would continue until ended by Galt voters.

Measure Q is a "sales tax" that is technically a combination of "sales and use tax" and "transactions and use tax." Except for prescription medication and non-prepared food items at grocery stores, and other exceptions, the sales tax is levied on the sale or use of tangible personal property sold at retail. Retailers collect the tax at the time of sale and remit the funds to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, which administers the tax.

The current statewide sales tax rate is 7.25%, for which a portion goes directly to cities. Sacramento County has an additional 0.50% tax for transportation, and Galt has an existing 0.50% transactions and use tax, bringing the current sales tax rate in Galt to 8.25%. If Measure Q is approved, Galt's sales tax rate would increase to 9.25%.

The Measure requires the revenue from the tax and use of the revenue to be included in the City's annual audits conducted by an independent certified public accountant.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve a one-cent transactions and use (sales) tax, with annual independent audits. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. Measure Q would be approved if it received a simple majority of "Yes" votes.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure Q. If you desire a copy of the measure, contact the City Clerk's office at (209) 366-7130 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/Frank Splendorio, Interim City Attorney
City of Galt

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

To keep taxpayer dollars LOCAL for Galt residents, vote YES on Q.

YES on Q maintain our local parks so Galt families and children have safe places to play.

YES on Q provides the funding needed to keep 21 parks and public areas that serve the community, open, healthy, clean and safe.

YES on Q prevents the closure of neighborhood parks.

YES on Q maintains and repairs bathrooms and plumbing.

YES on Q maintains public landscaping, street medians and sports fields.

YES on Q upgrades deteriorating gas, electrical and sewer lines.

YES on Q upgrades safety lighting and children's playgrounds.

YES on Q removes dried brush to help prevent local brush fires.

Again, **YES on Q** requires all funds be spent in Galt- NOT a penny will go to the County, State or D.C.

Measure Q includes tough fiscal accountability safeguards, including independent financial audits and public spending reports- ensuring funds are spent responsibly.

Here's what Measure Q **WON'T** do:

Measure Q is **NOT** a tax on your home or property.

Measure Q is **NOT** applied to food purchased as groceries or prescription medication.

Join a unanimous City Council, local business leaders and your neighbors and vote **YES on Q!**

Factual information: www.CityofGalt.org

s/Jeff Hood

Retired Parks and Recreation Director, 30 Year Galt Resident

s/Jason Adverselo

Past President Galt Youth Baseball and Current Liaison

NO REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q WAS FILED

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