

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE HB

Hermosa Beach doesn't have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. Revenues continue to increase, driven by increasing property taxes. 6 years ago city revenues were \$45M. They are projected to be \$54M in the upcoming year!

Our city size and population has not changed. Yet the spending increases continue. Hermosa Beach residents have been generous in allowing other tax increases. The hotel tax has increased twice and a sewer fee was approved. Both resulted in more money flowing into city coffers.

In 2022 a sales tax increase was put on the ballot and lost. Rather than our City Council listening to voters and engaging in cutbacks or increased scrutiny of spending, they instead INCREASED their spending.

6 years ago the City Manager's budget was \$1.3M. This upcoming year it is projected to be \$2.7M. Perhaps the City Council should review this type of spending BEFORE asking for more money.

Do not believe that creating an oversight committee would have any impact on city decision making. A committee has no authority over City Council.

According to a city commissioned study, residents pay 54% of all sales taxes generated. Do not believe that it is mainly tourists who will face the burden of increased taxes.

Sales tax for a vehicle purchase is based upon where you live. This tax will directly affect YOU the next time you buy a vehicle. It will affect YOU every time you make an online purchase.

We all know that costs have risen for EVERYTHING. We all know how expensive it is to live in California. This will be one more expense you incur if you vote for this tax increase.

VOTE NO on HB. Force the city to treat taxpayer dollars as if it were their own money before you give them more.

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