

From: [John Perhacs](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Sales tax increase opposition
Date: Sunday, July 24, 2022 3:31:39 PM

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Hello my name is John Perhacs. I live in Truckee California within the Nevada county boundary. I am extremely opposed to any increase in taxes and oppose this sales tax increase that you are proposing. I propose that government stops spending so much and figures out a way to live within its means as us citizens do. Please stop taking our money. We are already taxed to death in ca.

Thanks

John Perhacs

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joann Rebane](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Jo Ann Rebane](#)
Subject: sales tax & general fund
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 11:05:10 AM

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Board of Supervisors:

I urge you to vote against placing a half cent sales tax increase on the November ballot. My reasoning:

I do believe that we need to do more to fund fire prevention. I am bothered, though, that the proposed funding would go into the general fund. Once in the general fund, it will remain there forever, but it will not be used forever for fire prevention. A few years from now the money will be diverted for who knows what, and who will even notice? Our taxes just keep going up every time we have a new need. Has anybody ever studied why our current sales tax is at 8.375%? How did it get to that number? What was the 8.375% supposed to fund? Have any of those projects been completed or run their course, so that some of those tax monies could now be used to fund fire prevention? Do we ever lower taxes when a project has been completed, or do we just continue to add on and add on?

As a taxpayer, I would be much more inclined to vote for a specific tax for a specific purpose (requiring a 2/3 threshold to pass), because then I would know my money is being used "forever" for that one purpose. I would probably not vote for a tax increase that would just go into the general fund.

Jo Ann Rebane



From: [Eric](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#)
Cc: [CEO](#); [County Counsel](#); [letters@theunion.com](#); [drogers@theunion.com](#); ["Julia Stidham"](#)
Subject: You are going to raise taxes during a recession & record inflation?
Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 7:46:42 AM

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Supervisors.

After watching you fail upward over the past two years there isn't really much that shocks me with regards to your actions.

Until now.

At your next board meeting you plan to put on the ballot a tax increase. In a recession. While we are experiencing record inflation and while our state suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates in America.

Really?

Were the COVID funds you used to grow your already bloated staff not enough? Did you and your staff, who never missed a paycheck or benefit payment during your self-imposed COVID lockdown, not receive a large enough pay increase these past two years while County residents actually saw their incomes decrease?

Questions you should consider before you seek to steal more money from people for a non-defined purpose:

1. What are the County's retirement liabilities?
2. What are your outstanding bond obligations?
3. What are the County's total liabilities and total debt?
4. What is the median salary for a County employee, including benefits?

5. Where does Nevada County rank state-wide with regards to its overall tax burden?
6. Where does Nevada County rank via its tax burden compared to neighboring counties?
7. What outreach to the community has been conducted, with the citizens this tax increase will hit, asking them what the impact will be?
8. What empirical data have you ascertained that shows what the impact of this tax will be?
9. Where will this money be spent? Be precise.
10. How long will this tax be in effect?

If you can't answer all of these questions you need to vote against placing any tax on the ballot.

Eric Christen

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: [Ken Paige](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [County Counsel](#); [CEO](#)
Subject: For the Public Record-Table 1/2 cent RAISE!
Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 4:18:09 PM

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To Supervisors Heidi Hall, Ed Scofield, Dan Miller, Sue Hoek, Hardy Bullock

Today I heard that the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors will put on your August 9th Agenda [Ready Nevada County: Preparing for the Future](#). The proposed funding mechanism for this measure is a 1/2 cent general sales tax with the objective to place this measure on the November Ballot.

We, the Nevada County Restoration Coalition state clearly and specifically that we ARE NOT in FAVOR of the proposed method of funding this measure by creating a general sales tax or the measure as it is written we ASK YOU our Supervisors to "table" this measure until we can have discussion with the community.

Increasing all Sales Tax in Nevada County by 1/2 cent RAISES the sales tax from 8.5% to 9%. County sales tax, now at 7.5% becomes 8%.

It is our desire to keep the dollars local, and the proposed sales tax increase may drive folks to Placer County where the sales tax is 7.75% AND the effect this tax would impact every business and every household.

We are currently experiencing inflation, and a pending recession. This 1/2 cent tax increase adds an unnecessary burden and costs to everyday purchases as well as an increase in construction material costs that directly affects all levels of housing. As the cost per square foot rises, so will home insurance.

We Nevada County Restoration Coalition ASK YOU our supervisors to "table" this measure and engage in a robust discussion with community partners and community stakeholders to determine the best possible method of achieving the worthy objectives of this measure.

Reasons why we oppose this:

- "Monies raised through a general tax are considered General Fund revenue, and thus available for all General Fund programs. They cannot legally be bound to a predetermined use, such as wildfire safety." Richard Anderson, former District 5 Supervisor, an excerpt from his letter of Public Comment to the Town of Truckee Council on this proposed 1/2 cent sales tax increase.
- No economic impact study has been done.
- No public engagement to date.
- Lack of specificity regarding ballot and program language and detail.
- There is no sunset date proposed in this measure.
- This measure would directly increase housing, workforce housing, and affordable housing construction costs.
- "Response" (firefighters, fire equipment) is not included in this measure.
- According to our Fire Chief, Mark Buttron, the measure as written would negatively impact the Fire Districts.

Sincerely

Ken Paige-Individual and Member of the **Nevada County Restoration Coalition**

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Ken R Paige

Eat your food with gladness & drink your wine with a joyful heart (Ecclesiastes 9:7)

