## ARGUMENT AGAINST THE 1% SALES TAX, MEASURE K

## VOTE NO ON THIS UNNECESSARY TAX FOR THESE REASONS:

WE GET NO GUARANTEES. The tax increase has no requirement that the City spend the money as advertised. The missing accountability is a red flag. The promised oversight committee will be handpicked by the sitting council and have no authority to ensure that funds are spent as promised.

IT IS REGRESSIVE. This tax will harm those least able to afford the increase: low-income earners, seniors, and those living on fixed incomes.

IT IS CUMULATIVE. Together with the city's planned water and sewer rate hikes of 9% - 12% the Encinitas taxpayer burden rises to 10% - 13%. SANDAG is proposing a .5% tax increase that will also affect taxpayers locally.

IT TAXES OUR WAY OUT OF INFLATION. While citizens cut back, the City refuses to live within its means, adding deferable projects and new hires.

IT HARMS LOCAL BUSINESSES. A higher sales tax drives customers away from Encinitas businesses to lower-cost cities.

IT IS UNNECESSARY. The City has the funds to prioritize deteriorating infrastructure and address public safety issues without raising taxes – if they defer low priority programs and vanity projects.

IT IS A 10-YEAR TAX. However, like most taxes, it will likely be extended by a future council.

VOTE NO ON THE 1% SALES TAX INCREASE. Do not approve a blank check to current and future councils with no guarantees and oversight as to how the money will be spent. We do not need an additional sales tax in order to budget wisely and prioritize the essentials: infrastructure, potholes, crumbling roads, and public safety issues.

Encinitas residents in opposition to the 1% Sales tax.

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