

## Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure F

VOTE NO ON F.

Measure F is currently an illegal proposal to enact an invalid tax.

Measure F is so poorly written it should be known as the Taxpayer Funded Lawyer Employment Measure.

When Benicia increased taxes in March 2024, Measure F became invalid under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7251.1.

Did those who signed the Measure F petition really intend to increase taxes higher than the State law allows?

Now the validity of Measure F depends on Assembly Bill 3259 (Wilson) pending in the California Legislature.

Section 6 of that Assembly Bill 3259 says that if Measure F is adopted "before this bill takes effect, the tax would exceed the limit established in Section 7251.1, making the tax invalid . . ."

The effort to retroactively change the character of a measure in the middle of an election campaign not only undermines the integrity of elections, but it also guarantees litigation at the expense of needed public services.

Finally, Measure F is so poorly written that while it promises a "citizen's oversight committee" it fails to create such a committee. Only the wish or desire is expressed. The City Council cannot create such a committee because State law prohibits the amendment of an initiative measure.

As written Measure F deserves an "F". Invalid and fatally flawed is F.  
VOTE NO ON F.

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