

**REBUTTAL TO THE
ARGUMENT AGAINST
MEASURE B
SALES TAX MEASURE**



Vote YES on Measure B

Only one person filed an argument against Measure B.

And that person lives in Dixon.

Measure B is a Benicia solution to a Benicia challenge. We face a structural budget deficit that must be fixed – or Benicia will look very different in 18 months.

As Benicia tightened its belts through fiscal reforms and cut costs, we need Measure B to keep our vital city services.

It's now up to us to invest in ourselves to protect the services we care so deeply about.

Measure B will:

- Protect Benicia's 911 emergency response times.
- Support Benicia's police patrols.
- Maintain Benicia's Parks, Recreation and Libraries.
- Invest in local infrastructure

These programs and services are the backbone of a healthy and prosperous Benicia. Measure B protects them and sets the foundation for our City to make improvements and enhance our services in the future.

Benicia's financial statements are transparent and open to everyone. They tell the true story.

Benicia must do 3 things to reach financial health:

- Cut expenses.
- Grow smartly.
- Find additional sources of revenue.

By law, Yes on Measure B requires strict fiscal accountability provisions, ensuring that every cent of our money is used effectively, efficiently, and as promised by law to voters.

Measure B will be subject to annual audits of all expenditures and will be published publicly.

Join Benicia's public safety, faith, business, environmental, neighborhood, and civic leaders in supporting Measure B to protect Benicia's residents and our exceptional quality of life.

s/Mark Hughes, Former Benicia City Council Member