NOT A PENNY MORE! Vote NO on Measure "__H__".

We all value public safety, well-maintained streets, parks, libraries, and the services that make San Mateo a great place to live. **Those services matter. But another sales tax is NOT the solution.**

COST OF LIVING IS TOO HIGH. Families, seniors, and working residents already face rising costs for housing, groceries, utilities, insurance, and everyday necessities. Now City Hall wants taxpayers to pay even more?

WE ALREADY PAY HIGH TAXES. San Mateo's combined sales tax rate is already **9.625%**. This measure would add another **0.25%**.

THIS IS A GENERAL-PURPOSE TAX. The City's ballot specifically mentions streets, parks, potholes, fire protection, paramedics, 9-1-1, and traffic safety. But the ballot measure states the approximately $7 million in annual revenue is for **"general government use."** The truth is the money is not restricted exclusively to the services highlighted in the ballot.

THERE IS NO FIXED SUNSET DATE. Unlike a temporary tax with a defined expiration date, this tax continues **"until ended by voters."** This means voters may have to get enough petition signatures to seek a separate ballot measure to actually end the tax. Unacceptable.

THIS TAX DOESN'T SOLVE THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM. The City's FY 2026–27 budget projects a $16.8 million deficit. This new tax revenue of approximately $7 million would still leave roughly $9.8 million unresolved.

City Hall needs to do better with the tax dollars we already provide. Voters deserve answers.

Before asking taxpayers for more, City Hall should demonstrate how it will control spending, improve efficiency, measure performance, prioritize essential services, and address continuing deficits.

San Mateo also needs a serious economic strategy that grows revenues through businesses, investment, jobs, and economic activity. Higher taxes should not be the first answer.

NOT A PENNY MORE. DO BETTER WITH WHAT WE'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU.

VOTE NO.