

MORRO BAY MATTERS

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ARE YOU FINANCIALLY BETTER OFF TODAY THAN YOU WERE A YEAR AGO?

The City is. Yet, a question on the November 8 ballot asks voters to take from their wallets and give to the City another permanent source of money: a parcel or property tax add-on.

**RENTERS: THIS CONCERNS YOU.
YOUR LANDLORD IS LIKELY TO PASS
THIS NEW EXPENSE ONTO YOU BY
INCREASING YOUR MONTHLY RENT.
VOTE NO ON MEASURE B-22.**

Just 2 years ago, voters gave the City a one cent sales tax increase. This year, the City Council gave the residents a 15% garbage rate increase.

Have you noticed that PG&E, Southern CA Gas, and internet/phone/cable fees have also increased this Fall?

How much more do you have to give?

The parcel tax starts at \$120 a year. It increases every year by "inflation," not tied to any figure or percent. Some taxes have an end date. This one does not.

MEASURE B-22 The Right Need, The Wrong Approach

The Measure on the ballot states the proposed parcel or property tax increase is to fund City "owned harbor infrastructure" for the purpose of "preventative maintenance and capital improvements."

In light of the dire pictures in the pro-Measure B-22 mailer, voters should wonder why the deterioration was allowed to go unchecked for so long. The current mayor has been on the city council for 8 years; this would be an appropriate question for him.

In our prior issue, 5 realistic alternative funding sources were identified. Also, we questioned why maintenance is included in the Measure. Maintenance is part of operating costs typically, not thrown in with capital projects. The plan for how to spend this money hasn't been revealed yet. Perhaps the cart is before the horse.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE B-22

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SUMMARY OF CANDIDATES' FORUM

Briefly, here are the mayor and city council candidates' positions on major topics. More detail is available on the video recording to be found online

The link to the 2-hour video is:
https://slo-span.org/meeting/ef_20221005/

Measure B-22

Wixom-not support
Headding-supports
Cordes-supports
Durringer-not support
Edwards -supports
Landrum-not support
Robinson-not support

Lithium Battery Storage at power plant site

Wixom-concerned, unanswered questions
Headding-concerned, trust the process
Cordes-concerned, trust the experts
Durringer-against, don't trust process or experts
Edwards -safety concerns
Landrum-safety concern unanswered questions
Robinson-location no, safety is number one

Increase Downtown Heights

Wixom-change the charm if not careful
Headding-increase heights
Cordes-increase heights
Durringer-?
Edwards-take a look at changing heights
Landrum-keep current limit
Robinson-keep current limit

ALERT: The Zoning Ordinance, which includes Downtown Heights is scheduled for a City Council hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 5:30pm at the Vets Hall on Surf Street. What do you want to see?

Build on Hillside, Greenbelt

Wixom-character, safety, infrastructure issues
Headding-private property, follow the process
Cordes-yes! have water, increase density
Durringer-preserve greenbelt
Edwards-traffic & safety issues, higher density
Landrum-no water, geological & traffic issues
Robinson-no! water, safety & landslides issues

Off-Shore Wind Farm

Wixom-unknown technology, hurt fishing
Headding-yes supports
Cordes-help fishing get thru it, could help fish
Durringer-against, obsolete technology
Edwards-?, time on our side to examine
Landrum-concern to trade fish for electricity
Robinson-not support

Roads and Underground Pipes

Wixom-not doing enough, do better, bond?
Headding-\$2.8M one time, bond
Cordes-bond, better communication w/public
Durringer-not tax or bond, more creative way
Edwards-bond, fix Hwy 41 and Main St.
Landrum-neglected, not doing enough, invest
Robinson-prioritize, \$2.8M every year

Mobile Home Rent Control

Wixom-support current ordinance
Headding-affirm protection
Cordes-current ordinance could go farther
Durringer-against control
Edwards-current ordinance is fair
Landrum-important to honor current code
Robinson-100% for protecting current code

Address Homelessness

Wixom-regional approach
Headding-regional approach
Cordes-regional approach, do more
Durringer-churches and private sector together
Edwards-regional approach
Landrum-local outreach, safe parking
Robinson-pallet homes, City assist

CAL SUPPORTS: WIXOM, LANDRUM, and ROBINSON