

## NO on San Pablo MEASURE S

Eight years ago, the City Council of San Pablo came to the taxpayers with **Measure Q**. In their Resolution 2012-028, they said the “City of San Pablo has already taken extreme measures to mitigate increasing budget deficits” and they wanted a **temporary** Transactions and Use Sales Tax Ordinance that would **terminate after 10 years**. They even listed 10 reasons “that **emergency** conditions exist necessitating the placement of this tax measure on the June 5, 2012 ballot.” (*emphasis added*)

In 2014, **Measure K** added .25% sales tax permanently.

What happened to the temporary emergency? Well, 8 years have passed, and they still have dire budgetary problems and now want us to pass another “temporary” 10-year tax that won’t even start for TWO years! **Measure S** even has almost the same language and the same city services as Measure Q but is **general fund revenue available for this or any future council to use for ANY legal purpose**.

In the last 8 years there evidently has not been any attempt of the city to absorb the costs of these vital services when planning their budgets.

An increase in sales tax severely impacts small business including minority-owned business, the elderly and those on fixed income. And **Measure S** is not the only sales tax increase on this November’s ballot that can increase sales taxes.

**Measure S** is clearly not a temporary tax but is a revenue source that is part of the city’s ongoing budget plan.