

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE L**

**THE PROPOSAL:** Measure L asks the voters whether the City of Trinidad should extend its current three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) transaction and use tax rate (commonly known as the "sales tax") for an additional four years. Voter approval of Measure L would continue the implementation of this 0.75% sales tax as described below, for an additional period of four years only, effective April 01, 2025, and expiring on March 31, 2029. If passed, this sales tax would add seventy-five cents (\$0.75) in tax to a qualifying sale of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

**HOW IT GOT HERE:** The existing 0.75% sales tax was last renewed by the voters of the City of Trinidad in November 2020, and is currently set to expire on March 31, 2025.

**HOW IT WORKS:** The local sales tax in the City of Trinidad, including the additional 0.75% continued tax proposed by this Measure L, will apply to sales of most retail goods that occur within the boundaries of the City of Trinidad and to certain other items (including vehicles) purchased outside of the boundaries of the Trinidad but only if the purchaser resides within the boundaries of the City of Trinidad. The method by which the tax is assessed and procedures for collection are all governed by California state law. The sales tax does not apply to items which state law exempts from sales tax.

**HOW IT IS USED:** The sales tax is a general tax; all revenue generated by the local sales tax goes into the City of Trinidad's General Fund where it is used to fund essential government services provided by the City. These services include, but are not limited to, police and fire protection, street and public facilities construction, maintenance and repair, park, trail and environmental maintenance and protection, and services provided by the City of Trinidad. The 0.75% sales tax generates approximately \$175,000 per year to the City of Trinidad's General Fund.

**A "YES" VOTE MEANS:** A "Yes" vote will continue the existing three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) local sales tax through March 31, 2029.

**A "NO" VOTE MEANS:** A "No" vote will allow the existing three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) local sales tax to expire on March 31, 2025.

**REQUIREMENT TO PASS:** Measure L requires a majority (i.e., 50.00% + 1) vote of those City of Trinidad residents voting in order for it to pass.

**IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THE FULL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX RATE RESOLUTION (No. 2024-08), PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (409 Trinity St., Trinidad, CA (707) 677-0223) AND A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU AT NO COST.**