

Do Your Homework on Measure X

Pros

- Promises funding for essential city services & quality of life issues.
- Promises funding to improve 911 response times.
- Promises funding for school safety.
- Promises funding for crime investigations.
- Promises storm drain upgrades.
- Promises funding for youth & senior programs.
- Promises to address homelessness.
- Promises funding for parks and recreation.
- Promises funding for police and city workers.
- Promises oversight and accountability.

Cons

- Measure X is a "General Tax" which means the City Council can spend these funds on anything they deem "essential" at any time.
- No prioritization or timeline on the long list of promises. No proposed budget in the measure.
- Raises sales tax in Martinez to 9.25% for the next 15 years which will hurt business. Most cities in Contra Costa have lower sales tax rates.
- Oversight committee is appointed by City Council and the measure language does not give it any specific authority to prevent unwise spending.
- Funds can be spent on "other essential services" which means a blank check for a City Council which already run the city into substantial debt.
- No plan on how these things will be paid for in the future when this Measure expires in 2034.

**The test question: Are more taxes the answer to all of the problems in Martinez?
You get to decide. Be sure to vote in November!**