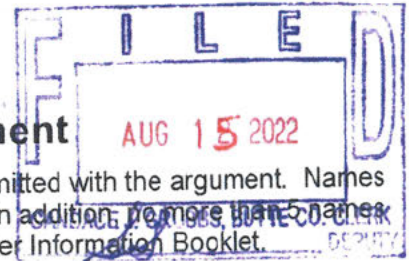


# Ballot Argument Signature Statement



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**The undersigned author(s) of the:**

- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter H, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on November 8, 2022 in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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## Argument Against Measure H

Measure H is a simple majority measure with no restrictions on spending. Furthermore, with inflation at 9.1%, this tax adds to the cost of living in a volatile economy.

With historic increases in gas, groceries, utilities and housing, raising sales tax brings more across the board inflation. Sales tax, like gas tax, raises prices by adding expense to production and distribution. Sales tax is regressive. Working people and those on fixed incomes pay a disproportionate chunk of their budget on necessities like food, rent and transportation. Taxing necessities like clothes and household goods reduces discretionary income, more bad news for the economy.

Our economy is slowly recovering. City sales tax revenues increased steadily since the Camp Fire, which generated a \$3,000,000 surplus. Chico has retained a strong retail sector that generated over \$26,000,000 in sales tax in 2021, without a tax increase. Where does the money go?

We won't know that, because Measure H is a simple majority measure with no restrictions on spending. Only 50% of voter turnout plus one vote would permanently raise our sales tax a full cent. While city officials allude to spending the money on services and infrastructure, it will go to the General Fund. Council changes, oftentimes dramatically, every two years. There is no guarantee that this money will be spent on infrastructure or public safety. You have to look at the record and past spending priorities. Staff admittedly deferred maintenance and services while making extra payments on their pension deficit - next year budgeting more than \$12 million in taxpayer money to the pensions. Council made poor decisions that led to multiple pending lawsuits, and some have admitted they did not understand legal matters on which they voted. Are you sure the unrestricted revenues from this measure would be spent wisely?

Vote No.