

A Dozen Reasons Why Herb Wesson's 9½% Sales Tax is BAD for LA

Here are a dozen excellent reasons why to vote NO on Proposition A.

1. Prop A was placed on the ballot in less than two weeks without any public hearings or input.
2. The Council did not consider the negative impact on retail sales, the economy, and jobs.
3. The budget can be balanced without any layoffs or service reductions. But that does not stop the City Hall extortionists from threatening to lay off cops and endangering our safety.
4. The tripling of our trash tax was to pay for 10,000 cops. Now the City wants more!
5. Since 2008, we have approved \$850 million in new local taxes. Where has all the dough gone?
6. We do not need a PERMANENT tax to solve the City's temporary shortage of revenue. A temporary tax would have been less divisive and more acceptable for voters.
7. The increase in the already regressive sales tax will slam lower and middle income families, only to benefit City employees who earn over an average of over \$100,000 a year.
8. This is not the last tax increase to pay for over the top pay raises. The \$200 million increase in sales tax revenues does not cover the \$800 million growth in salaries, benefits, and pensions over the next four years. (Note: half of the City's employees do not live in our City.)
9. The aggressive City unions have not agreed to new long term labor contracts. Will they want another 35% raise over the next 8 years if Proposition A passes?
10. This increase in taxes is just another one off solution as the City does not have a long term financial or strategic plan.
11. The City has not implemented any meaningful budget, pension, or work place reform, despite bogus claims to the contrary.
12. This is the same Mayor and City Council that allows DWP and the Ratepayers to be ripped off for over \$750 million a year.

And the bonus question: Do you trust City Hall and the union leaders to act in our best interests?

Demand budget, pension, and work place reform.

Vote NO on Proposition A.

9½ % is a real job killer that gouges hard working Angelenos.