

**CITY OF SOLVANG
CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR
MEASURE U2022**

If approved by the voters, Measure U2022, entitled "**City of Solvang Local Control and Essential Services Measure**", would amend the Solvang Municipal Code to impose within the City a retail transactions and use tax, commonly known as a sales tax. This measure is authorized by the State Legislature under Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9. This measure would set the retail transactions and use tax rate at one percent (1.00%). At this rate, for example, a retail transaction \$100 in value would generate a tax of \$1.00. The proposed tax would be imposed upon the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail within the City. This measure would authorize the City to enter into a contract with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to administer and collect the tax.

The proceeds of this tax would be deposited into the City's general fund to be used for such general municipal governmental purposes as the City Council shall direct. Among such purposes are pothole and street repair, flammable brush removal, 911 emergency response, neighborhood police patrols, recreation programs, and other vital city services.

This measure would provide several enumerated exemptions and exclusions from the transactions and use tax. It would further prohibit the issuance of any injunction to prohibit the collection of the tax. This measure would establish a citizens' oversight committee to review the revenue and expenditure of funds collected from the tax.

The ordinance proposed by this measure will only become effective if approved by a majority of those electors voting on the measure.

A YES vote approves the measure.

A NO vote rejects the measure.

This measure was placed on the ballot by the City Council of the City of Solvang.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure U2022. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the elections official's office at (805) 688-5575 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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