# Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure B2022

**Major vital projects and services needed by Goleta residents are under-funded, as acknowledged even by opponents.** For example, Goleta's deferred maintenance backlog for pavement and road repairs, already at $42 million, will grow to an estimated $78 million in just 10 years.

There is no mystery about how new revenue would be spent because unfunded projects and services are well documented in Goleta's two-year budget. These include maintaining and upgrading roads; improving Community Center, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure; supporting local businesses; maintaining parks and open spaces; supporting the library; and restoring creeks.

**The sales tax won't go into effect until 2024.** By then the economy will likely have significantly improved. If instead we continue deferring vital projects, we'd be passing major debt along to future generations. If voters wish to end the tax, it can be changed through the same, democratic process of enacting it: a ballot measure.

**The tax would have modest impacts on Goleta residents and businesses, while providing substantial community benefits.** Essential items are exempted from the tax such as: gasoline, grocery food, prescription medications, and rent. Neighboring cities like Santa Barbara and Carpinteria have demonstrated that this does not hurt local businesses. People affording a $50 meal aren't deterred by paying another 50 cents, which is all this tax does. Nearly half the increased revenue would be paid by Goleta non-residents. Goletans will also save by avoiding expenses that result from bad roads, such as wheel alignments, cracked wheels, and collisions.

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the rebuttal to the statement opposed to Ballot Measure B2022 at the Statewide General Election for Santa Barbara County to be held on November 8, 2022, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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**ARGUMENTS**

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