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**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Public Comment for BOS meeting July 14, 2020, Agenda Item D.3 re: Sales Tax increase proposal

Dear Board members,

Contra Costa Taxpayers Association strongly believes that an increase in the county sales tax at this time is a very bad idea. With COVID-19, the cost of living is strained, unemployment and underemployment numbers are high, businesses are confronted with an unprecedented time of uncertainty, struggling to cover costs, applying for SBA loans, and just striving to remain afloat. Could there be a worse time to raise sales taxes ?

If the county is in need of an immediate infusion of funds, perhaps a bond might have been something to consider. But sales tax is regressive and hurtful at a time of crisis?

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