

Public Comment
on 25-772

Dear Members of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you to ask that you reconsider allocating positions not in Public Works to be paid for with funds from Measure O. I am a former Public Works employee and someone who supported and voted for Measure O, because for nineteen years I saw the struggles to try and maintain roads in this County. I appreciate that Measure O will provide more positions in Public Works, and they are needed. However, when I, like many of my fellow citizens, voted for this 1cent tax, I did not vote to fund positions in other County Departments, it was for roads and transit.

On June 3, 2025, the Humboldt County Budget for FY 2025-26 was proposed. Included were four positions that should be paid for out of the General Fund, but if approved, will be paid out of Measure O funds, starting in FY 2026-2027.

Auditor Controller, 1.0 FTE, Senior Fiscal Assistant,
CAO Management & Budget Team, 1.0 FTE, Administrative Analyst I/II
Purchasing, 1.0 FTE, Buyer I/II
County Counsel, 1.0 FTE, Deputy County Counsel I-IV

I can understand the position in the Auditor's Office, if their workload is exclusively for Public Works. I do not support additional positions in the CAO's Office or Purchasing. The position that really upset me is Deputy County Counsel, why should this tax for road repair and transit fund a lawyer? The bottom line is that these salaries will reduce the dollars spent on roads and transit.

Measure O was passed by a majority of Humboldt County votes for a specific purpose, the improvement of roads and transit. It was not voted on to be your piggy bank. If you behave as if it is, my guess is voters in this County will probably not support any of these types of taxes in the future.

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