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**Subject:** FW: Measure s tax  
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Hi Suzanne:

Please attach a copy of this to the BOS Report and address in the report that some people will not be able to pay.

John

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Effective July 1, 2024, the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will reduce the in-person counter service hours. The new hours of operation will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with the counter closed on Fridays.

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From: jim givins <jgivins71@yahoo.com>  
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Subject: Measure s tax

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Hello Rex,

My name is Jim Givins and I own Organic Giving Farm. I would like to explain my situation with the measure S tax. In 2019 I was left with two distributors owning me a total of 77k. I was never paid for that. This is the year that I still owe my tax for. I am on a payment plan and will continue with it, but I will be unable to make the total payment by the end of the year. I am writing and trying to talk to all the supervisors about the term of "fairness" to other farms that have been able to pay.

I believe the "Fairness" is complicated in a few ways. First there was a grant for water and solar for farms. I applied for both and received neither. I'm sure some farms were able to pay there Measure S tax, not with the grants money, but by having extra money they didn't have to spend on water or solar. I had to spend my money to satisfy the county's permitting. Second many of the project Trellis approved grantee's are grandfathered in and thus there is no more room for anyone else. This does not seem fair! It seems to me it should be rotated for others. Most of the grandfathered applicants wouldn't even qualify under today's application. So as far as Fairness goes there are many individuals cases.

If there is a strict deadline many will decide to not pay the county. If farmers cannot work due to suspension, it's just not going to work. I think the answer is the same as property tax. Put a 1.5 % month tax on what is owed and keep the money slowly coming in. Farmers will need to sign on and if they don't then that is it for them. I hope I can keep working in Humboldt County and contributing to its economy. Thanks for your time and have a great day!

Jim Givins

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