City of Vallejo Sales Tax Update

## Vallejo In Brief

Vallejo's receipts from April through June were $10.1 \%$ below the 2017 second quarter due largely to ongoing problems related to the State's new software system that for the second consecutive quarter caused multiple transactions to not get posted. Including these allocations and other aberrations, actual sales were up 2.0\%.
Delayed payments temporarily reduced taxes from contractors, service stations, building materials, cannabis and several restaurant categories. A vendor reported sales to the countywide pools in error which contributed to the drop in general consumer goods.
Onetime audit corrections that inflated last year's distribution triggered a decrease from electronics stores. Fewer buyers left showrooms with vehicles; the result was softer returns from new motor and used automotive dealers.
Activity from specialty stores were up; however, the increase reflected double payments that inflated the current quarter.
Voter approved Measure V added $\$ 3,387,172$ to the above discussed amounts; the $10.4 \%$ short-term decline is primarily tied to the missing payments discussed above.
Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Solano County grew $1.5 \%$ over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was up 3.0\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group



Top 25 Producers
In Alphabetical Order
Au Energy Shell McDonalds Station
Autolinx
Avery Greene Honda
Best Buy
Comcast
Costco
Earthquake Protection Systems
Foster Lumber Yard
G \& M Oil
Home Depot
Kohls
Lowes
Marshalls

Petco
Safeway
Safeway Fuel
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Target
Team Chevrolet Cadillac Mazda Hyundai
Toyota Vallejo
Toys R Us/Babys R Us
Tributary Point Arco
Vallejo Holistic Health Center
Vallejo Nissan

Revenue Comparison
Four Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3 to Q2)

2016-17
2017-18

| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 12,513,859$ | $\$ 12,393,390$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| County Pool | $1,798,305$ | $1,807,628$ |
| State Pool | 6,734 | 7,097 |

Gross Receipts $\quad \$ 14,318,898 \quad \$ 14,208,114$

Measure V
\$14,681,715
\$14,600,169

## California Overall

Local Government cash receipts from April through June sales dropped $10.1 \%$ from the same quarter one year ago due to implementation issues with CDFTA's new tax reporting software system. The results were further skewed by the State's attempt to offset the resulting shortages by advancing tax revenues that it estimates will be generated next quarter.
After reviewing unprocessed returns and approximating the full amounts of partial payments, HdL estimates that once all returns are properly processed and the data adjusted to reflect actual quarter receipts, statewide local sales and use tax revenues will be $1.6 \%$ higher than second quarter 2017.
Sales of building and construction materials, jet fuel and online shopping appear to have been the primary drivers of statewide growth during the second quarter. Auto sales leveled off as previously anticipated, although receipts from auto leases continued to show substantial gains. Online fulfillment centers and value themed apparel stores were the primary gainers within the general consumer goods group. Business-industrial purchases were slightly lower than previous quarters with declines in new energy projects being a major factor.

Regionally, the San Francisco Bay area and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley areas outperformed the rest of the state.

## Tariff Policies and Sales Tax

Tariffs are becoming a key element of the federal government's international trade strategy with additional duties of $10 \%$ announced for the end of the third quarter, rising to $25 \%$ by the end of 2018.
Despite the current debates, analysts believe that the impact on prices and sales will be minimal through the remainder of 2018-19 as most major retailers have already imported their inventory for the holiday season and are attempting to rush spring inventories through customs ahead of the new $5 \%$ rates. Many manufacturers have managed to avoid raising prices by absorbing the costs of the
initial first round of tariffs on metals, machinery and components. On the down side, small retailers without the power to lock in prices may be placed at a competitive disadvantage and contractors are beginning to require escalation clauses in contracts to cover potential cost increases on long range projects.
The key concern for analysts projecting 2019-20 tax revenues will be how the federal government refines its trade policies and the impact on sales and use tax revenues. Although higher prices generate more sales tax from individual purchases, they also potentially reduce the number of purchases, particularly in an environment where rising housing, education and health care costs compete for a significant portion of discretionary income.

Proponents of rising tariffs argue that the rising strength of the U.S. dollar will offset the impact of tariff related price increases on consumers. Opponents worry that the stronger dollar and the announced $\$ 5.6$ billion in retaliatory tariffs on California exports will negatively impact both the affected companies' job base and capital investment in supplies, equipment and expansion opportunities.

## Sales Per Capita



## Revenue By Business Group

 Vallejo This Quarter

## Vallejo Top 15 Business Types

| */n thousands of dollars | Vallejo |  | County | HdL State |
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| Business Type | Q2 '18* | Change | Change | Change |
| Automotive Supply Stores | 55.2 | -7.2\% | -10.4\% | -11.6\% |
| Building Materials | 202.3 | -18.1\% | -22.0\% | -23.2\% |
| Cannabis Related | 56.0 | -23.0\% | -26.7\% | 7.0\% |
| Casual Dining | 138.7 | -21.6\% | -13.2\% | -12.7\% |
| Contractors | - CON | ENTIAL - | 4.0\% | -10.7\% |
| Convenience Stores/Liquor | 52.3 | -16.7\% | -17.7\% | -8.0\% |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CON | ENTIAL - | -8.3\% | -13.5\% |
| Electronics/Appliance Stores | 113.9 | -11.7\% | -15.4\% | -5.1\% |
| Grocery Stores | 121.1 | -6.4\% | -2.1\% | -7.0\% |
| Leisure/Entertainment | - CON | ENTIAL - | 4.2\% | -3.6\% |
| New Motor Vehicle Dealers | 453.9 | -5.3\% | 3.9\% | -2.0\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 198.9 | -7.6\% | -8.7\% | -6.0\% |
| Service Stations | 331.0 | -11.9\% | -28.4\% | -26.6\% |
| Specialty Stores | 90.2 | 57.1\% | 13.9\% | -4.6\% |
| Used Automotive Dealers | 75.7 | -14.5\% | -58.9\% | -41.5\% |
| Total All Accounts | 2,937.0 | -11.0\% | -13.6\% | -12.2\% |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 461.3 | -4.1\% | -6.8\% | 5.5\% |
| Gross Receipts | 3,398.3 | -10.1\% | -12.7\% | -10.1\% |

