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**Subject:** City Council Comments 7/17/24, Please include in public comments. Thank you!

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I oppose increasing taxes with the proposed 1% additional sales tax for the benefit of the San Clemente General Fund. It will be informative to hear council discussion and votes on this proposed 1% increase in our taxes.

Including 911 response time without addressing San Clemente's lack of Emergency Services and hospital care for our 60,00 residents is irresponsible. The Mission Hospital in Laguna Beach on the PCH is closing which will further impact Emergency & hospital care for San Clemente residents.

I live in San Clemente, am a homeowner and own a business in San Clemente. I pay taxes! This proposed tax increase is unanticipated and being rushed to meet a deadline to be included on the ballot for our Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Election. You have an operating budget and have been elected to oversee City Services to include Police, Firefighter, Emergency Response Services, street and road repair, keeping public spaces safe and clean, protecting coastal water quality and our local drinking water supply. Do your job as our elected officials without asking San Clemente to pay more in taxes.

If the 1% tax increase is about funding sand replacement and retention legally designate that clearly on the ballot and let the voters decide.