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To: [City Council](#)
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

It is premature to consider placing a ¼ or ½ cent sales tax measure focused around the issue of public safety on the ballot in November 2023 for several reasons:

- There will be a Sonoma County Fire 1/2 cent sales tax measure on the ballot in Spring 2024. If it passes Sebastopol would receive \$1.2M a year for fire services, plus \$5M for Sebastopol's fire station renovation.
- Since water restrictions have been lifted there will be more revenue from water sales.
- By postponing this ballot measure until it appears to whether or not it would actually be necessary the City would save the \$100K cost of a ballot measure.

It is disappointing that the Council nonetheless decided to spend approximately \$10K on a consultant to do a poll to determine whether support existed for a tax measure on the November ballot.

As a property owner I am opposed to this unnecessary and costly proposal.

Cordially,
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