San Fernando Sales Tax Update

Second Quarter Receipts for First Quarter Sales (January - March 2020)

## San Fernando In Brief

The City's allocation of sales and use tax from its January through March sales was $5.1 \%$ lower than the first quarter of 2019. However, the decrease was primarily due to deferred payments related to the State's Covid-19 taxpayer relief program. Revenues would have been approximately $6.2 \%$ higher after factoring for these and other reporting anomalies.
A sharp rise in receipts from the countywide use tax allocation pool was primarily responsible for the actual gain and is resulting from a shift to shopping over the internet as well as recent legislation that requires out-of-state retailers to collect and remit local taxes. A solid sales quarter for the auto-transportation and food-drug groups also contributed to the actual gain and helped offset declines in other categories.
Voter approved Measure A added $\$ 497,631$ to the amounts discussed above but was $2.5 \%$ lower than the same quarter last year after factoring for deferrals and reporting anomalies.
Adjusted for deferred payments and accounting aberrations, sales and use tax receipts for all of Los Angeles County declined 5.3\% over the comparable time period while Southern California as a whole, was down 4.1\%.

Sales Tax by Major Business Group

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

## Top 25 Producers In Alphabetical Order

| Arco | Jack in the Box |
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| Arroyo Building | Malbros Ready Mix <br> Materials |
| Concrete |  |

Revenue Comparison
Three Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3 to Q1)

2018-19
2019-20

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| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 3,663,135$ | $\$ 3,486,463$ |
| County Pool | 524,951 | 688,459 |
| State Pool | 1,908 | 2,002 |
| Gross Receipts | $\$ 4,189,993$ | $\$ 4,176,924$ |
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| Measure A | $\$ 2,016,676$ | $\$ 1,828,691$ |

## Statewide Results

With stay at home/non-essential business restrictions in place during the last two weeks of the quarter, local one cent tax revenues for the state overall, were 18.8\% lower than January to March of 2019. Taxpayer relief programs accounted for much of the decline with receipts down roughly $3.1 \%$ after factoring for payment deferrals and other accounting anomalies.

Severe drops in auto sales, general consumer goods, service stations and restaurants were largely offset by new revenue from implementation of the Wayfair v. South Dakota decision that now requires out-of-state retailers to collect and remit Californian's sales and use tax. Other offsets included a surge in online shopping that boosted receipts from the county use tax allocation pools and from online retailers who maintain and ship their inventory from within California.

The food/drug sector also showed strong gains as did many home supply, dollar and discount stores that remained open during the shutdown.

## New Challenges \& Opportunities

Current indicators suggest that overall tax receipts for the April thru June sales period will bottom out at $27 \%$ below the second quarter of 2019 . The speed of the rebound in sales activity will be dependent on the availability of adequate testing, treatment therapies and ultimately a vaccine. Until then, physical distancing, COVID-19 protocols and supply chain disruptions will create limitations on some operating capacities and the return to work of all employees. Health fears, discounts and liquidation sales may also keep sales tax revenues below pre-pandemic levels until solutions are in place.
Regardless of when full recovery does occur, reports are that some elements of the economy will be permanently altered. Generation of future tax revenues may require rethinking of local economic strategies.

Over expansion, excessive debt and consumer shifts to online shopping were already resulting in bankruptcies with estimates of up to 25,000 brick -and-mortar store closings by the end of 2020. "Touch and feel" shopping is not going away but retailers see an evolution where in-store shopping is more leisure/recreational oriented with smaller stores offering more show-rooming and delivery/pick-up services. The smaller footprints and lifestyle emphasis offer opportunities to reinstate downtowns and neighborhood centers as economic/social gathering places.

The Pandemic's capture of new online customers and the growing trend of manufacturers and entrepreneurs with new concepts to bypass physical stores and sell directly to the consumer also expands options for agencies without large market populations to generate sales tax through industrial development.
Finally, the Pandemic's disruption of supply chains has also accelerated growing dissatisfaction with overseas arrangements and some reshoring will occur which offers opportunities to leverage a city's existing business base to attract compatible support industries.

Sales Per Capita*


Revenue By Business Group San Fernando This Quarter*

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San Fernando Top 15 Business Types**

| *In thousands of dollars | San Fernando |  | County | HdL State |
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| Business Type | Q1 '20* | Change | Change | Change |
| Auto Lease | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -2.9\% | 1.6\% |
| Automotive Supply Stores | 24.3 | -4.2\% | -12.3\% | -9.5\% |
| Building Materials | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 1.4\% | 3.0\% |
| Casual Dining | 45.9 | -14.8\% | -19.4\% | -18.8\% |
| Contractors | 55.2 | 5.6\% | -3.3\% | 3.2\% |
| Drug Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 4.7\% | 3.4\% |
| Electronics/Appliance Stores | 20.9 | -18.2\% | -17.7\% | -18.0\% |
| Fast-Casual Restaurants | 20.8 | 2.3\% | -10.5\% | -9.9\% |
| Grocery Stores | 35.6 | 11.5\% | 9.3\% | 11.8\% |
| Heavy Industrial | 12.7 | 0.7\% | -7.4\% | -6.3\% |
| New Motor Vehicle Dealers | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -11.1\% | -10.6\% |
| Plumbing/Electrical Supplies | 46.9 | -4.1\% | 1.1\% | 1.5\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 114.2 | -0.1\% | -9.5\% | -8.5\% |
| Service Stations | 26.6 | -15.9\% | -10.3\% | -9.5\% |
| Used Automotive Dealers | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -12.4\% | -12.7\% |
| Total All Accounts | 1,064.8 | -0.6\% | -9.9\% | -7.3\% |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 242.9 | 51.4\% | 25.6\% | 22.4\% |
| Gross Receipts | 1,307.7 | 6.2\% | -5.3\% | -3.0\% |

