City of Martinez Sales Tax Update

## Martinez

## In Brief

Martinez's receipts from April through June were 23.7\% below the second sales period in 2017 due to ongoing issues related to the State's transition to a new software and reporting system that for the second consecutive quarter caused multiple allocations to not get posted. Accounting for these and other reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 0.6\%.
The missing allocations caused all major business sectors to post lower cash receipts, except for the automotive group which benefitted from a new used auto outlet. Business and industry, building and construction, the fuel group and general consumer goods had the largest impacts from the missing payments. Business to business actual sales were up $14.7 \%$, while the building sector and fuel group were up 4.1\% and $3.3 \%$, respectively. General retail sales were down 5.1\%.
Higher quick-service returns boosted restaurant sales; casual dining and fast casual eateries were relatively flat. A convenience store closeout helped depress food and drugs. The City's allocation from the countywide use tax pool decreased $5.9 \%$ while Measure D added an additional $\$ 716,371$ in revenue this quarter.
Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Contra Costa County grew $1.8 \%$ over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was up 2.9\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group



Top 25 Producers
In Alphabetical Order

| ABC Supply Co | Lucky Supermarket |
| :--- | :--- |
| Abel West Auto | Main Jail |
| $\quad$ Center | Commissary |
| Ace Auto Dealers | Martinez Valero |
| Alhambra Shell | McDonalds |
| Canyon Sports | Nob Hill Foods |
| Colonial Energy | Petco |
| Copart | Quik Stop |
| CVS Pharmacy | Rite Aid |
| Geo Options | Safeway |
| Golden Gate | Spectrum Analytics |
| Petroleum | Telfer Pavement |
| Home Depot | Technologies |
| Industrial Lumber | Walmart |
| Les Schwab Tire |  |
| Center |  |

Revenue Comparison
Four Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3 to Q2)
2016-17
2017-18

|  | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 4,227,989$ | $\$ 3,883,350$ |
| County Pool | 745,777 | 698,752 |
| State Pool | 2,400 | 2,300 |
| Gross Receipts $\dagger$ | $\$ 4,976,165$ | $\$ 4,584,402$ |
| Cty/Cnty Share | $(124,404)$ | $(114,610)$ |
| Net Receipts | $\$ 4,851,761$ | $\$ 4,469,792$ |
| Measure D | $\$ 834,803$ | $\$ 3,370,680$ |
| HIncludes tax sharing amounts due to others |  |  |

## 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 Martinez This Quarter


## Martinez Top 15 Business Types

| Business Type | Martinez |  | County | HdL State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q2 '18 | Change | Change | Change |
| Automotive Supply Stores | 15,958 | -16.0\% | -20.4\% | -11.6\% |
| Building Materials | 78,726 | -50.7\% | -23.1\% | -23.2\% |
| Casual Dining | 41,582 | -21.4\% | -16.7\% | -12.6\% |
| Contractors | 21,826 | -0.7\% | -17.9\% | -10.7\% |
| Convenience Stores/Liquor | 15,931 | -20.6\% | -10.4\% | -9.2\% |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CON | ENTIAL - | -10.8\% | -13.5\% |
| Drug Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -4.1\% | -4.2\% |
| Garden/Agricultural Supplies | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -15.0\% | -15.8\% |
| Grocery Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -9.7\% | -7.0\% |
| Light Industrial/Printers | 12,188 | -62.3\% | -28.0\% | -26.0\% |
| Petroleum Prod/Equipment | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -15.8\% | 0.4\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 59,676 | 1.0\% | -6.1\% | -5.8\% |
| Service Stations | 63,959 | -48.6\% | -30.9\% | -26.4\% |
| Specialty Stores | 21,632 | 53.1\% | 0.9\% | -4.6\% |
| Used Automotive Dealers | 29,488 | 149.8\% | -23.1\% | -41.5\% |
| Total All Accounts | 801,628 | -26.5\% | -13.7\% | -12.2\% |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 158,320 | -5.4\% | 11.1\% | 5.5\% |
| Gross Receipts | 959,948 | -23.7\% | -10.4\% | -10.1\% |
| City/County Share | $(23,999)$ | 23.7\% |  |  |
| Net Receipts | 935,949 | -23.7\% |  |  |

