## City of Martinez Sales Tax Update

## Martinez

## In Brief

Martinez's receipts from October through December were 14.6\% above the fourth sales period in 2018. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 0.7\%.
Once payment deviations were removed, fuel-related returns dropped $29.7 \%$. A shift in ownership resulting in a decline in local allocations was a significant factor in the decline.
A retroactive adjustment which spiked returns in contractors accounted for the overall rise in the building and construction group.
Holiday quarter consumer retail posted disappointing results while restaurants rose $1.2 \%$ on an actual basis. Business to business performance was curtailed by multiple reporting issues including a late disbursement.
Full implementation of the Wayfair decision including Marketplace Facilitators elevated the City's allocation from the countywide pool. The overall growth in gross receipts was due to this increase.
The City's two transaction tax districts generated an additional $\$ 2,004,541$. Receipts from the more recently approved Measure X boosted resulis.
Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Contra Costa County grew $3.9 \%$ over the comparable time period; the Bay Area was up 3.9\%.

## Sales Tax by Major Business Group


*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

## Top 25 Producers <br> in Alphabetical Order

## 7 Eleven

ABC Supply Co
Ace Truckbox Center
Alhambra Chevron
Alhambra Shell
Build Tek
Chevron
Colonial Energy
Cresco Equipment Rentals
CVS Pharmacy
Eco Services Operations
Euv Tech
Gefoo

Golden Gate Petroleum
Home Depot
Les Schwab Tire Center
Lucky Supermarket
McDonalds
Nob Hill Foods
Number One Concrete Ready Mix
Quik Stop
Rosendin Electric
Safeway
Siemens Medical
Solutions
Walmart

Revenue Comparison
Two Quarters - Fiscal Year To Date (Q3 to Q4)

|  | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Point-of-Sale | $\$ 2,281,238$ | $\$ 2,216,340$ |
| County Pool | 427,494 | 534,084 |
| State Pool | 1,192 | 1,044 |


| Gross Receipts $\dagger$ | $\$ 2,709,924$ | $\$ 2,751,468$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Cty/Cnty Share | $(67,748)$ | $(68,787)$ |


| Net Receipts |
| :--- | :--- |$\$ 2,642,176 \quad \$ 2,682,681$


| Measure D | $\$ 2,130,524$ | $\$ 1,995,905$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Measure X | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 1,962,053$ |

†Includes tax sharing amounts due to others

## California Overall

Statewide sales and use tax receipts from 2019's fourth quarter were $4.2 \%$ higher than last year's holiday quarter after factoring for accounting anomalies.

The increase came from the acceleration in online shopping which generated huge gains in the countywide use tax pools for merchandise shipped from out-of-state and from California based fulfillment warehouses in those cases where the warehouse is also point-ofsale. This segment was further boosted by the first full quarter of California's implementation of the Wayfair vs South Dakota ruling that requires out-of-state retailers to collect and remit sales tax on merchandise sold to California customers. The ruling has led to an increase in sales tax receipts of roughly $\$ 2.95$ per capita while also producing double digit gains for in-state online fulfillment centers.

In contrast, soft sales and closeouts resulted in a decline in almost every category of brick-and-mortar spending during the holiday season while new cannabis retailers helped boost what would have been a soft quarter for the food-drug group. Most other sales categories including new cars and business-industrial purchases were also down. Restaurant group gains were modest compared to previous quarters.
Overall, the rise in county pool receipts offset what would have been otherwise, a flat or depressed quarter for most jurisdictions.

## Covid-19

The coronavirus impact will first be seen in next quarter's data reflecting January through March sales. Based on recovery rates being reported in some Asian countries, the virus's disruption of supply chains will be deepest in the first and second quarter and largely resolved by mid-summer. However, recovery from social distancing and home confinements could take longer
with the deepest tax declines expected in the restaurant/hospitality, travel/transportation and brick-and-mortar retail segments. Layoffs and furloughs are also expected to reduce purchases of new cars and other high cost durable goods. The losses from the state's high-tech innovation industries may be more modest while the food-drug and online retail groups could exhibit increases.

Assuming that the virus is largest contained by the end of September, HdL's economic scenario projects that tax declines will bottom out in the first quarter of 2021 but with only moderate gains for several quarters after. Data from previous downturns suggests that the return to previous spending is not immediate and often evolves. Businesses emerge with ways to operate with fewer employees and more moderate capital investment. Consumers take time to fully get back to previous levels of leisure travel, dining and spending and may permanently transfer to newly discovered services, activities and/or online retail options.

Sales Per Capita*


Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity
Revenue By Business Group Martinez This Quarter*


## Martinez Top 15 Business Types**

| *In thousands of dollars | Martinez |  | County | HdL State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business Type | Q4 '19* | Change | Change | Change |
| Automotive Supply Stores | 19.7 | 22.0\% | 1.6\% | 0.6\% |
| Building Materials | 174.0 | 6.8\% | 3.2\% | 1.4\% |
| Casual Dining | 50.3 | -2.8\% | 4.6\% | 3.8\% |
| Contractors | 36.6 | -16.9\% | -4.6\% | -4.4\% |
| Convenience Stores/Liquor | 17.5 | 3.0\% | -2.3\% | -0.3\% |
| Discount Dept Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 1.0\% | 3.6\% |
| Drug Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -1.0\% | -0.7\% |
| Drugs/Chemicals | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 33.6\% | -0.5\% |
| Grocery Stores | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -2.2\% | 1.3\% |
| Light Industrial/Printers | 46.0 | 21.7\% | -16.8\% | -7.4\% |
| Medical/Biotech | - CONF | ENTIAL - | 20.7\% | -0.9\% |
| Petroleum Prod/Equipment | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -13.0\% | -1.3\% |
| Quick-Service Restaurants | 62.8 | 3.5\% | 0.5\% | 1.9\% |
| Repair Shop/Equip. Rentals | - CONF | ENTIAL - | -7.5\% | 1.4\% |
| Service Stations | 133.6 | 2.0\% | -6.2\% | 0.2\% |
| Total All Accounts | 1,045.7 | -6.6\% | -1.5\% | 0.2\% |
| County \& State Pool Allocation | 278.1 | 43.2\% | 31.2\% | 26.7\% |
| Gross Receipts | 1,323.8 | 0.7\% | 3.9\% | 4.2\% |

