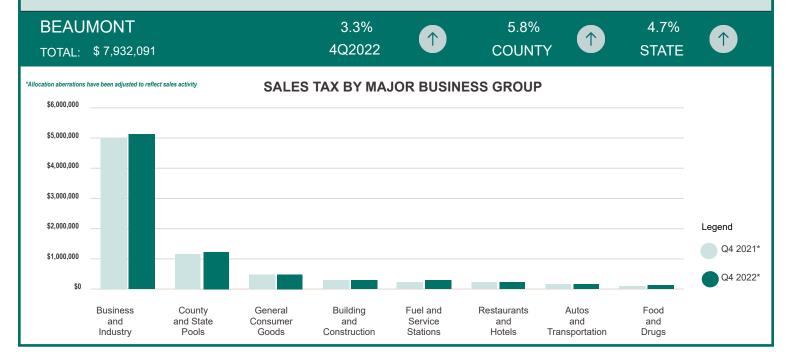
# **CITY OF BEAUMONT**

## SALES TAX UPDATE

**4Q 2022 (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)** 







### CITY OF BEAUMONT HIGHLIGHTS

Beaumont's receipts from October interest rates, receipts from buildingthrough December were 4.3% above the fourth sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 3.3%.

The business-industry sector reported a strong sales quarter in 4Q22.

Fuel prices in southern California were up an average of \$1.80 a gallon when compared to the year ago period, pushing up revenue from fuel-service stations.

Growth in food-drugs kept pace with a solid uptick, as food prices are significantly higher than they were a year ago.

Despite the potential for recession, continued inflation, critical labor shortages, supply chain issues and rising

construction remains steady.

A business that relocated out of the City negatively impacted the restaurantshotels group.

Consumers watched their wallets closely during the 2022 holiday quarter, resulting in decreased totals from general consumer goods when compared to the year-ago period.

The City's share of the countywide use tax pool increased 6.3% when compared to the same period in the prior year.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Riverside County grew 5.8% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 5.0%.



1st Street Arco

#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

84 Lumber Co **Amazon Com Services** Amazon MFA Beaumont Gas Mart Beaumont RV Best Buy **Big Tex Trailers** 

Carson Trailer Grove 76

Home Depot

Icon Health & Fitness

In N Out Burger

Kohls

Mayas Chevron

Oak Valley 76

Oak Valley Chevron

Pacific Manufactured Homes

Rite Aid

Ross Shell

Stater Bros

**USA** Gas

Walmart Supercenter Wolverine Worldwide



### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of October through December were 4.7% higher than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. A holiday shopping quarter, the most consequential sales period of the year, experienced solid results which lifted revenue to local agencies across the State.

Overall, general consumer goods growth was up a meager 1.8%, in large part from merchants also selling gas as prices remained elevated over last year. Otherwise, many brick and mortar retailers experienced mixed results as the phenomenal prior year activity made for an extremely difficult comparison. This was especially true for jewelry stores receipts which had soared tremendously after the pandemic as consumers diversified readily available cash into other assets.

Commuters and seasonal travelers were again burdened with gas prices above \$5 per gallon in most of the State, leaving fuelservice stations 10% higher than a year ago. However, this trend did not distract from spending at local restaurants and hotels. Increased menu prices and returnto-office workplaces enhanced gains, with the Bay Area experiencing it's greatest amount of post-pandemic rebound.

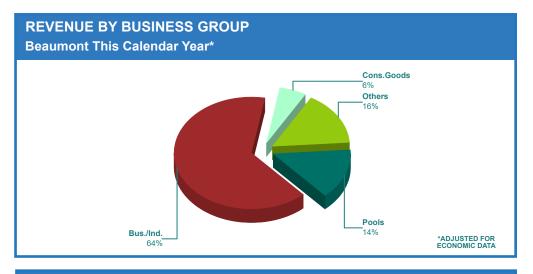
Although inventory shortages negatively impacted unit sales and leasing activity throughout 2022, year-end returns by new car dealers, especially high-end luxury and electric/hybrid brands, sustained autotransportation sector gains. In contrast, rising interest rates and higher gas prices pulled trailer-RV revenues lower. Steady housing demand and pend up construction projects delayed by supply chain interruptions have contractors contributing the majority of growth within the building-construction sector.

With rising interest rates tempering selling activity, property owners are still likely to maintain home improvement spending.

Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools rose a scant 0.3%. While national ecommerce spending behaviors climbed upward again, expansion of more in-state fulfilment centers plus retailers using existing locations to deliver goods tied to online orders shifted taxes away from pools. The offsetting effect was these dollars being directed to local agency's coffers where the goods resided. This evolving trend is anticipated to persistently weaken taxes coming from the pools in the near term.

Looking back, calendar year 2022 exhibited a 9.5% surge in tax receipts compared to 2021. Each of the eight major tax categories all reported greater returns. Most influential was inflation that drove up prices on everything from normal daily purchases to vehicles. Secondarily, all-time peak global crude oil costs had fuel seller's payments skyrocketing.

Heading into 2023, additional interest rate hikes along with consumer sentiment waning about the economy foretells minimal change coming from California's taxable sales in the months ahead.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **HdL State** County **Beaumont** Change Change **Business Type** Q4 '22\* Change **Fulfillment Centers** 5,055.3 3.5% 13.8% 11.2% 1 Service Stations 279.0 18.5% 7.5% 4.1% **Building Materials** 229.0 -0.1% -0.7% 2.1% 5.7% Quick-Service Restaurants 150.1 0.7% 5.1% -24.4% 🕡 Trailers/RVs 125.4 6.9% -23.5% 🕕 Electronics/Appliance Stores 94.2 1.5% 1.6% 10.8% **Grocery Stores** 75.5 11.5% 8.2% 6.2% Casual Dining -11.1% 54.8 4.4% 8.1% Light Industrial/Printers 52.0 -28.0% 7.9% 4.2% Contractors 43.7 1.3% 17.4% 11.7% 1 \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity \*In thousands of dollars