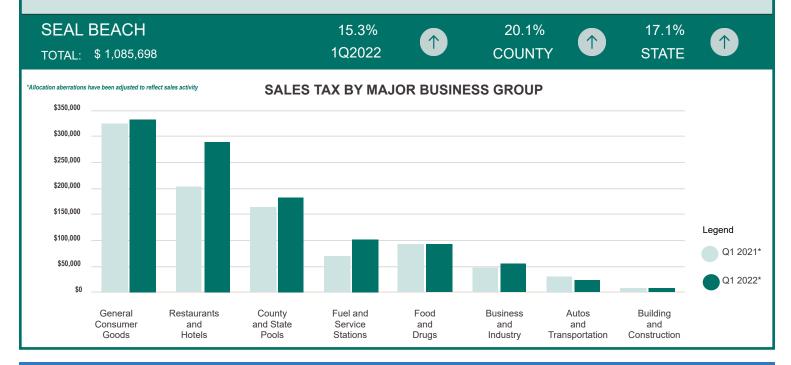
# **CITY OF SEAL BEACH**

## SALES TAX UPDATE

1Q 2022 (JANUARY - MARCH)





Measure BB TOTAL: \$1,468,861 14.0%



### CITY OF SEAL BEACH HIGHLIGHTS

from January through March were 17.5% above the first sales period in 2021. Excluding reporting aberrations, actual sales were up 15.3%.

Casual dining restaurants rebounded 62% from last year's pandemic impacted results, exceeding the 56% statewide growth trend, as people got out of the house to come together again, seeking meaningful ways to connect with others after the isolation of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Receipts from service stations surged 48% after the invasion of Ukraine pushed up the price of gasoline.

Seal Beach's Bradley-Burns receipts The 14% rate of improvement for voterapproved district tax Measure BB was slightly less than the growth of Bradley-Burns tax proceeds previously discussed. This was largely due to some shoppers becoming more defensive in the face of rising inflation and others shifting discretionary spending from tangible consumer goods to travel, restaurants and services. These revenues comprise a larger percentage of the district tax base than Bradlev-Burns.

> Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Orange County grew 20.1% over the comparable time period; the Southern California region was up 19.2%.



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

**Original Parts Group** Bed Bath & Beyond **Pavilions** Burlington **Petsmart** California Pizza Kitchen Ralphs Chevron Roger Dunn Golf Shops Chick Fil A Spaghettini **CVS Pharmacy** Sprouts Farmers Market Hoffs Hut **Target** Home Goods **Ulta Beauty** In N Out Burger Walts Wharf

Steakhouse Kohls Marshalls Mobil Old Ranch Country Club

Kobe Japanese

HdL® Companies



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one-cent sales and use tax for sales occurring January through March was 17% higher than the same quarter one year ago, after adjusting for accounting anomalies and onetime payments from previous quarters. By all accounts, the California retail economy continues roaring along. Even with instability in the stock market, the crisis in Ukraine pushing up the global price of crude oil and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board beginning to tackle inflation with a series of rate increases, consumer spending continued at a strong pace.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russian military forces on February 24 had an immediate upward impact on the global price of crude oil due to fears of supply shortages. Subsequently this has caused a dramatic jump to California consumer gas and diesel prices at a time when many in the workforce were commuting back into offices, also contributing to an overall increase in consumption. As expected, fuel and service station receipts increased 47% over last year and show no signs of pulling back with summer travel right around the corner.

Sales of new and used vehicles continue to be robust causing the autos and transportation sector to jump 15% for the period. Inventory shortages by some dealers may have caused buyers to experience a Fear Of Missing Out (FOMO) and pay elevated prices while interest rates remained lower. Automotive brands that have committed to full electric or hybrid models are attractive with consumers, especially given the sudden rise in fuel prices.

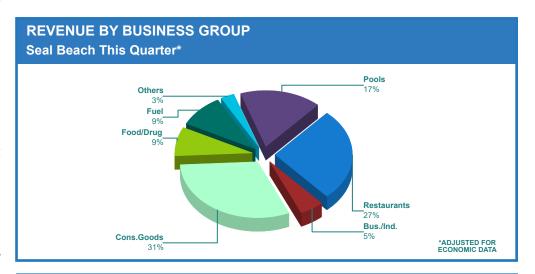
Post-holiday retail sales of general consumer goods remained solid, improving 10%. Prior supply chain concerns have dissipated, port operations are returning

to normal and headwinds from inflation and higher cost goods haven't yet slowed consumer demand. The stellar returns were largely driven by discount department stores, especially those selling gas.

These results mark the fourth full quarter in a row that restaurant and hotel receipts have increased. While higher menu prices have contributed, steady demand by patrons to dine out is also propelling the gains. Furthermore, theme parks and entertainment venues throughout the state are busy. With the summer tourism and travel season approaching, the industry is positioned to maintain post-pandemic growth and remain positive through 2022.

Use taxes generated by online sales and purchases from out-of-sate vendors allocated via the county pools, heartily surpassed expectations, gaining 13% over the comparison period. Shoppers bought a range of merchandise and spending by businesses on capital equipment remained sensational.

The first quarter sales period contributed to an already strong 2021-22 fiscal year for most municipalities statewide. However, continued inflationary pressure, soaring interest rates and record gas prices may soften growth going into 2022-23.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES Seal Beach **HdL State** County Q1 '22 **Business Type** Change Change Change 61.8% Casual Dining 158,535 46.7% 55.7% 1 Service Stations 48.0% 53.2% 43.4% 96,830 Quick-Service Restaurants 70,500 9.5% ( 9.8% ( 7.8% Home Furnishings 47,180 -7.3% 1.9% 1.0% 4.1% Family Apparel 46,217 17.3% 9.4% Specialty Stores 34,124 10.0% 15.1% 10.7% Sporting Goods/Bike Stores 30,457 -6.0% -1.6% -5.1% 11.4% Fast-Casual Restaurants 3.1% 10.6% 22,648 43.7% 30.9% Women's Apparel 21,301 29.5% 14.3% 12.5% Electronics/Appliance Stores 20,797 19.6% \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity