# **CULVER CITY MEASURES C AND CC**

## DISTRICT TAXES UPDATE

**3Q 2023 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)** 



**MEASURE CC MEASURE C** -5.6% -5.6% 3Q2023 TOTAL: \$1,352,302 3Q2023 TOTAL: \$ 2,703,550 \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP \$1,400,000 \$1,200,000 \$1.000.000 \$800,000 \$600,000 Legend \$400,000 Q3 2022\* \$200,000 Q3 2023\* General Restaurants **Business** Autos Building Fuel and Food Consumer Service and and and and and Hotels Drugs Goods Industry Transportation Construction Stations



### **CULVER CITY DISTRICT TAXES HIGHLIGHTS**

Culver City Measure C's district tax cash receipts were 7.7% below the third sales period in 2022, though this was exaggerated by several catch-up payments, which doubled cash returns in the prior year and made for a difficult comparison. Measure CC cash receipts were 7.6% lower than last year, slightly better than Measure C. The two tax measures typically track closely, with the small difference in the year over year percentage changes resulting from less taxpayer filing discrepancies for Measure CC than Measure C.

Adjusted for reporting aberrations, both Measure C and CC were down the same 5.6%.

A decrease in business-industrial returns was the largest factor in this loss as nationwide economic activity in the manufacturing sector contracted in

September for the 11th consecutive month, and as the end of the pandemic resulted in less medical and biotech purchases. The Hollywood strikes likely had an additional negative impact as local businesses purchased less equipment and supplies related to filming and production from companies in other jurisdictions.

On a positive note, the recent opening of a new food and drug store helped to offset some of the losses previously discussed.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Los Angeles County declined 2.5% over the comparable period; the Southern California region was down 1.5%.



#### **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

7 Fleven

Amazon Fulfillment

Services

Amazon MFA

Arco AM PM

Best Buy

Conserv Fuel

Costco

Culver City Toyota

Culver19

Foot Locker

**Howard Industries** 

In N Out Burger

JC Penney

Macy's

Nordstrom Rack

Rite Aid

Ross

Sephora

**Target** 

Tesla Motors TJ Maxx

Trader Joe's Uber Eats

Vons

Wolfgang Puck Catering & Events

HdL® Companies



#### **STATEWIDE RESULTS**

California's local one cent sales and use tax receipts for sales during the months of July through September were 1.6% lower than the same quarter one year ago after adjusting for accounting anomalies. The third quarter of the calendar year continued with a challenging comparison to prior year growth and stagnating consumer demand in the face of higher prices of goods.

Fuel and service stations contributed the greatest overall decline as lower fuel prices at the pump reduced receipts from gas stations and petroleum providers. While global crude oil prices have stabilized, they remained 15% lower year-over-year. This decline also impacted the general consumer goods category as those retailers selling fuel experienced a similar drop. Despite OPEC and Russia production cuts having upward pressure on pricing, global demand during the winter months has softened.

Along with merchants selling gas, many general consumer categories other were also down from the 2022 quarter, confirming consumers pulling on purchases. Home furnishings and electronic-appliances were a couple of the largest sectors with the biggest reductions. As inflation and higher prices were the main story a year ago, currently it appears to be a balancing act between wants and needs, leaving meek expectations for the upcoming holiday shopping season.

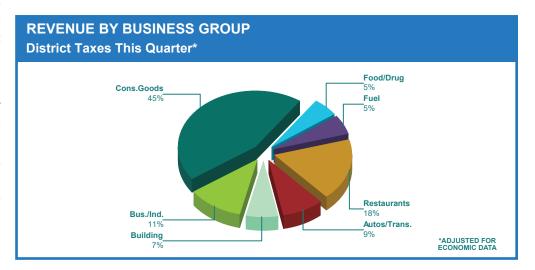
Even following a long, wet first half of 2023, spending at building and construction suppliers moderately slowed. The current high interest rate environment did not help the summer period and still represents the largest potential headwind for the industry with depressed commercial development, slowing public infrastructure projects and new housing starts waiting for more profitable financial conditions.

Despite continued increases of new car registrations, revenue from the autostransportation sector slipped 2.6%. The improved activity remains mostly attributed to rental car agencies restocking their fleets. Like other segments, elevated financing costs are expected to impede future retail volume.

Use taxes remitted via the countywide pools dipped 3.0%, marking the fourth consecutive quarter of decline. While overall online sales volume is steady, pool collections dropped with the offsetting effect of more taxes allocated directly to local agencies via in-state fulfillment generated at large warehouses and through existing retail outlets.

Restaurants remained an economic bright spot through summer exhibiting a 2.6% gain. As tourism, holiday and business travel are all expected to have recovered in 2024, the industry is bracing for implementation of AB 1228 - new CA law setting minimum wages for 'fast food restaurants'.

With one more quarterly result to go in 2023, the recent trend of a moderate decline appears likely before a recovery in 2024. Initial reports from the holiday shopping season reflect a 3% bump in retail sales compared to 2022. Lingering consumer confidence may have also received welcome news as the Federal Reserve considers softening rates by mid-2024.



#### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **District Taxes HdL State** Q3 '23\* **Business Type** Change Change Discount Dept Stores Casual 442.9 2.4% 0.2% Dining 197.8 -6.3% 2.8% Service Stations 143.9 -5.0% -7.3% New Motor Vehicle Dealers 140.7 10.4% -2.4% -15.9% Electronics/Appliance Stores -14.1% 120.6 General Merchandise 115.7 4.7% -20.9% Specialty Stores 106.5 4.4% -1.9% Family Apparel 1048 0.7% 3.2% Quick-Service Restaurants 100.1 -5.3% 2.7% **Department Stores** 98.8 2.4% -1.7% \*In thousands of dollars \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity