

Berkeley just tried this tax, and it is not working.

The cost of sodas is not going up in many instances in Berkeley stores – it is the cost of groceries that are going up.

The politicians call it a tax on sodas. If you do the research for yourself you will find that is not true.

The reason why the Berkeley measure is not working is that instead of being imposed directly on beverages, the tax is imposed on “distributors,” including small business owners. This is because state law **restricts** the ability of local governments to impose a sales tax directly on most beverages. Nothing prevents this tax from being passed on to any item in grocery stores and restaurants.

Small businesses will be forced to **pass this tax on to customers** – meaning higher food and grocery prices.

**So even if consumers don't buy sodas, their grocery bills could still go up.**

Senator Bernie Sanders disagrees with these types of regressive taxes, saying it is “...a regressive grocery tax that would disproportionately affect low-income and middle-class Americans.”

The politicians say this tax is about health, but not one penny is dedicated to health programs. The official ballot states, “This general tax will provide revenue to be available for the general governmental needs.”

Neighborhood grocers, restaurant owners and concerned residents oppose Measure 01 because it is a tax on food and groceries.

We have more important problems to solve in Albany, the last thing we need is a grocery tax that will make our city even more expensive.

**Enough is enough - Vote NO on the Grocery Tax, No on Measure 01.**

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