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Our first Stiizy store will soon be cranking out the revenue for the General Fund by way of an aggregate of taxes applicable to cannabis sales. State sales tax, Benicia's Measure C and Measure E added taxes will produce hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, with the 5% Measure E tax being the most prolific component.

A portion of the Measure E funds should be assigned to water/sewer infrastructure improvements in lieu of burdening ratepayers with increased costs projected to extend for the next five years. Cannabis sales revenue will be new money included in future budget projections, and there will be a lot of it. The City Council should take this matter up to discuss the possibilities of Measure E revenue disbursal.

School district officials and parents were adamantly opposed to regulated weed sales in Benicia but indicated a percentage of Measure E revenue should be directed to the district in the interests of youth substance abuse education efforts. No Measure E revenue should be assigned to the school district. The state's Cannabis Tax Fund provides grants to regulating jurisdictions for youth substance abuse education, social programs, and public safety initiatives.

Another small town that turned around its economy with weed is the City of Isleton. Not many years ago they were considering a bailout loan from Sacramento County and possibly disincorporation. Then the historic delta town of 850 people brought TWO weed stores to their downtown. One store has a lounge where consumers can blow trees, explore other businesses, or visit a local restaurant. Isleton's once desolate Main Street is coming back to life thanks to weed. The people of Isleton love weed as much as crowdads.

"Benicia...Best Bud by the Bay"

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