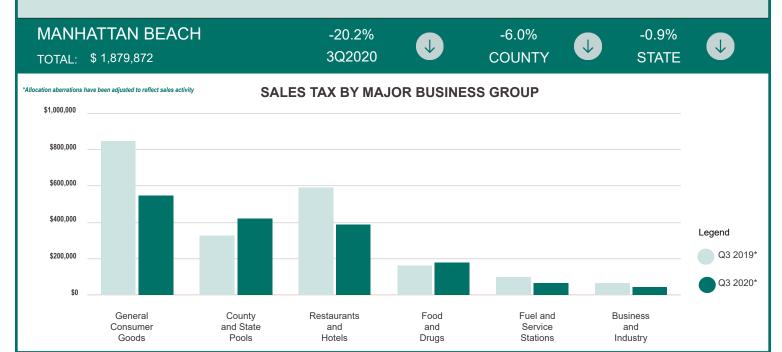
# MANHATTAN BEACH SALES TAX UPDATE

**3Q 2020 (JULY - SEPTEMBER)** 







## MANHATTAN BEACH HIGHLIGHTS

September was 15.1% lower than the third quarter of 2019. Actual sales activity was down 20.2% after back payments and other accounting anomalies are factored out.

and concerns continued to impact sales of most categories of general consumer goods and restaurants though part of the loss was offset by rising receipts from the countywide use tax pool where taxes on goods shipped from out-of-state are allocated.

Accelerating shifts consumer shopping online generated substantial gains in the City's 0.5% share of the pool.

Manhattan Beach's allocation of sales Other offsets included a solid and use tax from its July through quarter for grocers, liquor and online retailers whose order desks are located in Manhattan Beach.

Adjusted for deferred payments and accounting aberrations, sales and use tax receipts for all of Los COVID-19 pandemic restrictions Angeles County declined 6.0% over the comparable time period while the Southern California region as a whole, was down 1.5%.



# **TOP 25 PRODUCERS**

The Arthur J BevMo Tin Roof Bistro Chevron Circle K Toyota Lease Trust **CVS Pharmacy Trader Joes** Gelsons Markets Vons Kettle Wrights

Macys Manhattan Beach Toyota Scion **McDonalds** Nick's Manhattan Beach Office Depot Old Navv Ralphs Fresh Fare REI Skechers by Mail Solvent Direct Strand House Standbar Sugarfish **Target** 

HdL® Companies



### STATEWIDE RESULTS

The local one-cent sales and use tax from sales occurring July through September was 0.9% lower than the same quarter one year ago after factoring for accounting anomalies. The losses were primarily concentrated in coastal regions and communities popular with tourists while much of inland California including the San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento region and Inland Empire exhibited gains.

Generally, declining receipts from fuel sales, brick and mortar retail and restaurants were the primary factors leading to this quarter's overall decrease. The losses were largely offset by a continuing acceleration in online shopping that produced huge gains in the county use tax pools where tax revenues from purchases shipped from out-of-state are allocated and in revenues allocated to jurisdictions with in-state fulfillment centers and order desks.

Additional gains came from a generally solid quarter for autos, RV's, food-drugs, sporting goods, discount warehouses, building material suppliers and home improvement purchases. Some categories of agricultural and medical supplies/equipment also did well.

Although the slight decline in comparable third quarter receipts reflected a significant recovery from the immediate previous period's deep decline, new coronavirus surges and reinstated restrictions from 2020's Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings compounded by smaller federal stimulus programs suggest more significant drops in forthcoming revenues from December through March sales.

Additionally, the past few quarter's gains in county pool receipts that were generated by the shift to online shopping plus last year's implementation of the

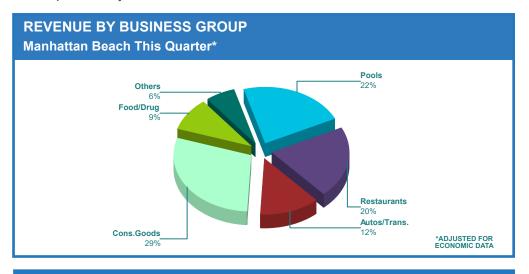
Wayfair v. South Dakota Supreme Court decision will level out after the first quarter of 2021.

Much of the initial demand for computers and equipment to accommodate home schooling and remote workplaces has been satisfied. Manufacturers are also reporting that absenteeism, sanitation protocols, inventory and imported parts shortages have reduced production capacity that will not be regained until mass vaccines have been completed, probably by the fall of 2021.

Significant recovery is not anticipated until 2021-22 with full recovery dependent on the specific character and make up of each jurisdiction's tax base.

Part of the recovery will be a shift back to non-taxable services and activities. Limited to access because of pandemic restrictions, consumers spent 72% less on services during the third quarter and used the savings to buy taxable goods.

Full recovery may also look different than before the pandemic. Recent surveys find that 3 out of 4 consumers have discovered new online alternatives and half expect to continue these habits which suggests that the part of the recent shift of revenues allocated through countywide use tax pools and industrial distribution centers rather than stores will become permanent.



### TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES **Manhattan Beach** County **HdL State** Q3 '20\* **Business Type** Change Change Change Casual Dining 208.4 -31.1% -41.9% -37.9% **Grocery Stores** 97.8 5.2% 7.2% 12.8% -42.1% -50.8% -51.2% Fine Dining 84.0 Sporting Goods/Bike Stores 63.4 7.2% 15.1% 22.1% Family Apparel 62.1 -37.7% -25.1% -24.4% 14.9% Convenience Stores/Liquor 49.8 10.7% 15.7% Service Stations 48.8 -47.2% -34.8% -29.0% Quick-Service Restaurants 47.6 -13.9% -13.7% -10.3% -8.5% Specialty Stores 39.2 -43.2% -13.0% Home Furnishings 38.0 -38.9% -8.6% -3.3% \*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity \*In thousands of dollars