
FW: Support for EIFD, Item #10, 8/4 Council Meeting

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Gentle Council People,

I'm in support of letting Sonoma County help pay for our Sebastopol projects. Here's how an EIFD does that:

The Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) is a complicated process, created by California to finance beneficial local infrastructure projects. The process is complicated, but the concept is easy — **Do stuff in the City which improves it. Pay for that stuff with the increase in taxes collected from increased property valuations.**

An EIFD does not raise tax rates. It helps make certain areas (the "district") more valuable by financing projects which improve local community and commercial opportunities. More valuable properties pay more taxes.

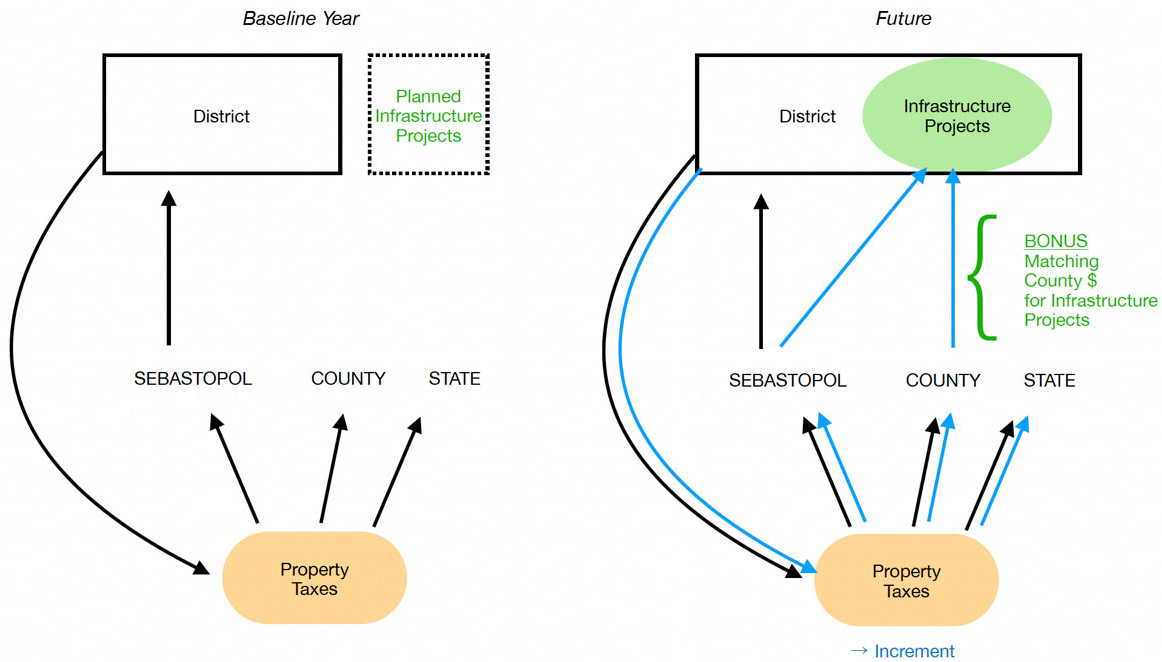
When Sebastopol pays for infrastructure projects through an EIFD, Sonoma County matches our payments!

This is the hidden benefit. Projects that improve our city, improve our county. We all live in the same place — everyone should contribute.

When Sebastopol allocates a portion of that future increased tax revenue (the "increment"), Sonoma County will match that allocation. Only through an EIFD can we get this bonus county money. Here's a way to visualize how property tax money flows from actual properties through government and back to those properties in services and projects:

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)

With planning comes extra matching funds from Sonoma County



The takeaway here is that only *through an EIFD* do we get that extra money from the county. I ask that the Council continue its approval of setting up and implementing a city EIFD.

- Kent Jenkins