

Argument in Favor of Measure V  
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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

By CB Deputy

Saratogans have long enjoyed a **Quality of Life** that sets our City apart from many other cities and has produced one of the highest levels of property value in the State. Continued State budget raids threaten our quality of life. 40

Since 1992, funding raids by the State of California and the sunset of the prior Utility Tax have reduced City funding by over \$18 million. At the same time, rising costs continue to strain our City budget despite budget reductions of 20% from two years ago. This year, for the first time, reserve funds were required to fund critical services. 58 60

It's not too late to reverse this downward spiral. We can come together and vote **YES on Measure V**, which will assess a tax of only 4% on electricity, gas, water, phone, and cable services. This local levy generates funds 40 beyond the State's reach, is consumption based, expires in 10 years, and includes the standard exemptions for qualifying low-income residents. For a cost of **\$16 a month** for the average household, we can stop the deterioration of our streets, bridges, sidewalks, medians, buildings and 55 parks, and maintain or improve current levels of public safety.

Will our City survive if this tax doesn't pass? Yes, but it may not retain the same unique character that we currently enjoy. Without an increase in 32 revenues the City will experience:

- Reduction in the current level of law enforcement services
- Continued deterioration of streets, medians, bridges and buildings 27
- Loss of city programs and services such as park maintenance

The Finance Commission and an independent citizens committee recently reviewed city finances and unanimously recommended this measure be placed on the ballot. 22

If you want to protect your property values and quality of life, then Vote 20 **YES on Measure V**. Visit [www.savesaratoga.com](http://www.savesaratoga.com).

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The undersigned author(s) of the argument in favor of/against ballot measure V at the General Municipal election for the City of Saratoga to be held on Nov 2 2004 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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