

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE SS**

In Medical, Fire and Police emergencies, every second counts. Rapid response time literally saves lives. San Leandro has an excellent Emergency Dispatch System. Measure SS protects that system, at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Measure SS does not raise taxes. Measure SS is not a new tax. Measure SS simply converts the existing 9-1-1 Emergency Communications System Access Fee ordinance into a 9-1-1 Emergency Communications System Access Tax.

This conversion also enhances taxpayer control because a fee can be raised at any time by the City Council, but a tax requires a 2/3 vote of the people to raise or modify.

Our 9-1-1 dispatchers are becoming more and more overburdened. Soon the State of California will shift the responsibility for answering cell phone 9-1-1 calls to the cities. This will challenge our dispatchers, but it is a challenge we fully intend to meet. We need to keep our system strong, so we can better protect your lives. Measure SS does so, at no additional cost to you.

Please join us in supporting Measure SS. Convert the Fee into a Tax, enhance voter control, and protect our emergency response times. Thank you.

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**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE SS WAS  
SUBMITTED.**