

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE TT

Public safety is the #1 responsibility of the City, and the top concern of all of us who live and work here. Measure TT asks homeowners to pay \$4/month to support Police Services. Low income seniors can pay even less. Mobile home owners and renters are paid for by the property owners.

In response to community concerns San Leandro has built our police force back up to 94 officers, but that is still 10% per capita less than the police staffing levels of our neighboring cities. San Leandro faces a multimillion dollar deficit next year. Across-the-board cuts would wipe out all the gains we've made in rebuilding our Police Department in recent years.

Measure TT would guarantee that our force would remain at current levels or even increase, the only department in the City with such a guarantee.

Measure TT is temporary. It's only for four years, then it automatically goes away.

Public safety has to be our #1 priority. Together we can protect our Community. Please join us in supporting Measure TT. Thank you.

s/Michael J. Sobek

Vice-President, San Leandro Police Officers Assoc.

s/Carl Basuino

Board Member, Mission Bay Homeowners /Former CA Senior Legislator

s/Benny Lee

President, Heron Bay Homeowners Assoc.

s/John Kaplan

s/Anthony B. Santos

Mayor, City of San Leandro

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE TT

In their 2008-2009 City Budget Vision Statement, the City Council cites these overriding core values that guide the budget process.

- Long-term fiscal health.
- Well-maintained and enhanced infrastructure.
- Safe neighborhoods and safe streets.

Long-term fiscal health is the foundation from which all City services follow.

Public safety costs are out of control. Our total costs for each police officer or firefighter now exceeds \$275,000.00 per year. Measure TT would only raise \$2,300,700.00 per year for only four years; less than the 10% of the force. Without firm limits on our rapidly rising public safety costs, our troubles will only get worse.

Besides, what happens to these 9 officers four years from now? Responsible financial stewardship demands that we insure solid future funding for all City services, not hurried quick fix patches.

There are three fiscally responsible revenue Measures on this ballot that deserve your Yes vote. Measure RR, the Utility Tax Renewal and Measure SS, the Renewal of the Funding for the 911 Network.

For voters in the San Lorenzo Unified School District portion of the City, we urge your Yes vote on the San Lorenzo Unified School District Bond Measure O as well.

However, Measure TT is badly flawed.

**PLEASE SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR THEIR STATED CORE VALUES OF PARTNERSHIPS, COMPASSION, COMMUNICATION AND FAIRNESS IN WORKING OUT OUR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. SAY NO TO TEMPORARY QUICK FIXES.**

**SAY NO TO LACK OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.**

**SAY NO TO OUT OF CONTROL COSTS AND POOR COMMUNICATION.**

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE TT.**

Southern Alameda County Advisory Committee

California Apartment Association Political Action Committee

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