

## **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE TT**

We recognize the City of San Leandro needs reliable, ongoing sources of revenue to pay for essential city services but Measure TT is the wrong way to do it. Measure TT was hastily put together by three City Council Members who met in secret sessions with City Staff. Then it was quickly reviewed and approved by Council on a split vote. Measure TT is deeply flawed.

- It was hatched in secret closed sessions so there was no opportunity for true community involvement in the creation of Measure TT.
- Our Public Safety Costs are rising higher and higher and yet no one is talking about how we must get these costs back under control. There's no cost controls at all in Measure TT. Until we put firm limits on the true costs of essential city services, our current problems will only get worse.
- It's only for four years. What happens afterwards? We need long term solutions, not hurried quick fixes.

We believe that any discussions on how to resolve the City of San Leandro's on-going revenue issues must honor the following principals:

- That we need good faith effort by the City Council to begin an ongoing dialogue with the Greater Community as to the City's financial needs and its plans to get back on a solid footing.
- That we must recognize that due diligence will take time and cannot be rushed or hurried.
- That until these steps are followed, the current problems will continue.

We urge you to send a clear message to the San Leandro City Council.

**SAY NO TO POOR PLANNING.**

**SAY NO TO TEMPORARY QUICK FIX MEASURES.**

**SAY NO TO MAKING DECISIONS IN SECRET PLANNING SESSIONS.**

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE TT.**

Southern Alameda County Advisory Committee  
California Apartment Association Political Action Committee

By: Thomas Silva, Chairman

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE TT**

Revenue from Measure TT is needed for the next 4 years to keep Police Department staffing levels at 94 officers. The economic slowdown has reduced City reserves to the point where service reductions for all departments, including Police, will be required if new revenue is not received next year.

The City Council Revenue Ad Hoc Committee met for several months and made recommendations in open public session for both cost cutting and revenue enhancing measures. The City's operating budget was reduced by \$4.6 million, but we will still have to deal with a deficit of over \$4 million next fiscal year.

The City is facing unprecedented losses in revenues due to the housing market collapse, depressed retail sales and State raids on City resources. Measure TT ends after 4 years because it is only intended to maintain Police services through the current rough economic times.

Measure TT asks homeowners to pay \$4/month to support police services. In their argument against the measure the Apartment Association admits additional funding for police services is necessary, but they just do not think that they should have to pay \$2/month for each of their apartments. Police services are needed and valued by all property owners. Measure TT asks homeowners, apartment owners, commercial and industrial property owners to pay only their fair share of the cost of police services.

Community safety has to be our top priority. Please join us in supporting Measure TT. Thank you.

s/Michael J. Sobek

Vice-President, San Leandro Police Officers Association

s/Carl Basuino

Board Member, Mission Bay Homeowners /Former CA Senior Legislator

s/Benny Lee

President, Heron Bay Homeowners Association

s/John Kaplan

s/Anthony B. Santos

Mayor, City of San Leandro