

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure VV

Mayor Cutter said, “the City has tightened its fiscal belt.” Do you truly believe that? CEOs, board members and general employees in the private sector are all taking pay cuts as high as 35%. Has our Mayor, City Manager, and employees taken any pay cuts? In each of our personal lives we had to make drastic cuts in response to COVID-19 - why isn't our city doing the same?

This City was spiraling towards the **RED** long before COVID-19. Due to our existing unfunded pension obligations, with an expected 2021 \$2.5 million added to our deficit every year. Those are real numbers and clearly, they DON'T want to remind you of that. Instead, they are using COVID-19 and FEAR to get you to give them more money. They pinky swear that it will be used for potholes, 911, seniors, and puppy dogs. We know better!

Read between the lines and you will see just how deceiving they are being. “Consistently achieves a balanced budget” – that window of truth is closing fast so slip it in to get what they want.

We shouldn't fund a government that can't deliver during the good times and then begs for more money during the bad times.

Please **VOTE NO on Measure VV**.

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