

## Argument Against SAN LEANDRO REAL PROPERTY TAX MEASURE

In the last five years the City of San Leandro has desperately tried to offset expenses with a sales tax increase on marijuana sales, hotel occupancy, and warehouse space. Now they are pushing for a tax on property that NEVER expires.

This property tax measure isn't new - Deputy City Manager Engelbart admitted this tax has been in discussion for two years. Just a few months ago, they spent \$135,000 on a "art" statue but not to worry City Manager Kay assures us that the money was previously appropriated before the pandemic. Implying that the pandemic doesn't reprioritize how we spend taxpayer money. But they are using COVID-19 as a reason to add another tax on the community. To further gin up support of this measure they sent an expensive mail-in survey which had little response from the public.

This is pure political expediency and arrogance that the public will just keep giving more money. This measure just needs a simple majority and that money goes straight into the general fund. They can and will use it anyway they want.

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?

City leadership can't be trusted with this new tax money based on past behavior and their response to this crisis. Please vote **NO**.

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