

**City of San Leandro – Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) Ballot Measure
Election Day: November 3, 2020**

Ballot Argument in Favor of Measure VV

Nothing is more important for San Leandro than safeguarding our quality of life – for the safety of our children, for our seniors and for our future. That’s why we ask you to **join us in VOTING YES on Measure VV.**

The City has tightened its fiscal belt. While demand for city services has significantly increased, San Leandro has 15% less staff than in 2008 and consistently achieves a balanced budget.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 has dealt a devastating blow to San Leandro’s economy, resulting in the loss of over \$7 million to the City this year and an expected loss of \$14 million next year. Unless we take action there will be sharp cuts to city services that will undermine our quality of life.

Measure VV ensures that the City can maintain critical services.

Without increasing the cost of living to local residents, Measure VV adjusts San Leandro’s existing Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) to fund vital services, including:

- Repairing potholes and city streets;
- Supporting seniors, families, and local small businesses through COVID-19 economic recovery;
- Preserving 911 emergency response; and
- Maintaining city parks and library services.

This is NOT an ongoing property tax or repetitive tax. The RPTT is collected **only once** in transaction closing costs when properties are bought/sold.

Large corporations and major commercial businesses will pay the largest assessments, not small business owners or single-family homeowners.

Taxpayer Safeguards are REQUIRED. ALL FUNDS MUST STAY IN SAN LEANDRO. The State can’t take these funds away. Independent financial audits and regular public reporting ensure proper spending.

San Leandro’s RPTT is currently the lowest among eligible Alameda County cities.

Please join neighborhood, civic and business leaders, seniors, parents, and residents throughout San Leandro and **VOTE YES on Measure VV.** Thank you!

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