

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Z

Measure Z is a temporary, emergency solution to protect and maintain our local services. This is money the State can't take away for their own billion dollar problems.

Even the opponent's argument says we need to re-fund essential services, including public safety. Without Measure Z the City does not have the money to fund the police, fire, streets, libraries, and other services we need.

Don't be fooled – the City has already drastically cut spending. Measure Z temporarily protects vital services during this recession. **THE FACTS ARE:**

- The City has cut \$8.5 million in the last two years, reducing staff by 20% (95 positions – including 8 police officers).
- ALL employee salaries have been frozen.
- The State has TAKEN \$7 million from San Leandro and will take more.

The next round of cuts has already been presented to Council. Police and fire services are 60% of the City's budget – without Measure Z we cannot avoid cutting more police officers and firefighters.

Without Measure Z we LOSE 7 ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS.

Without Measure Z, we LOSE A FIRE ENGINE AND 9 FIREFIGHTERS.

Without Measure Z, SMALL LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL CLOSE.

Without Measure Z, MOST RECREATION PROGRAMS WILL BE ELIMINATED.

Yes on Z is about putting the people of San Leandro first! Residents oversee how Measure Z money is spent. Measure Z requires an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, annual audits, and that all funds go to LOCAL services.

Visit www.ProtectOurServices.org and join six Councilmembers and the many Measure Z supporters throughout our community.

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