

PRIMARY ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE ____

Why does the City of Pinole want to raise the Sales Tax by 1/2 cent? By law the City of Pinole is allowed to increase sales taxes by a total of 1 cent. Thus far the City has only raised sales taxes by 1/2 cent. Does the City need the revenue? No.

The City of Pinole will have over \$5 Million of reserves in the General Fund (General Fund + Accumulated Measure S + Return to Source Income from the County as a Result of the Dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency) going into the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year or shortly thereafter. The City also has over \$5 Million in Reserves in the Sewer Fund. The City is also applying for a \$22 Million loan from the State of California to make the State Water Board mandated improvements. Sewer Rate increases is also scheduled through the year 2017.

Sales Taxes have nearly recovered to the non-realistic levels of 2006 because of the sustainable growth at retail outlets in Pinole. These Sales Taxes are expected to continue to grow as new retail outlets have opened.

Property Taxes have recovered to above the peak of 2006. Two reasons; (1) partial recovery of home values in Pinole (2) dissolution of the former Redevelopment Agency has given the City of Pinole a secondary revenue stream to the property taxes. This secondary stream of is expected to increase for the foreseeable future.

West Contra Costa Unified School District has agreed to pay for all three SRO Police Officers at Pinole schools.

A grant specialist will be hired in 2014/2015 who will apply for Police and Fire Grants such as the current SAFER GRANT that the City has which will not expire until midway through 2015/2016.

The undersigned Proponent or Author hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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Date: June 9, 2014 Title: Pinole citizen

Signature _____