

REBUTTAL OF ARGUMENT AGAINST  
MEASURE \_\_\_\_\_

The argument against this sales-tax measure is misleading.

Example, “The City also has over \$5 Million in Reserves in the Sewer Fund.” **FACT: The City can legally use sewer-fund money only for sewage collection and treatment, not for General Fund expenses, such as Police, Fire, and Recreation.**

And, “Property Taxes have recovered to above the peak of 2006.” **FACT: The distribution of residual taxes from the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency created a one-time spike in property-tax revenue from city-owned property only. Property values have not risen to above 2006 levels, as any homeowner in Pinole knows.**

It’s fair that **everyone** who shops in Pinole helps fund City services.

Pinole’s current operating budget only provides for minimum staffing for Police and Fire personnel. Existing grants fund 4 Police and 4 Firefighter positions. Grants are never guaranteed. How will we maintain staffing when these grants expire? Our existing tax base means maintaining minimum staffing for Public Safety programs, requiring deferred maintenance of critical public infrastructure.

The City’s roadways are valued at \$50 million; less than \$500,000 is available for street maintenance. How will the City fund the next multi-million-dollar repair of Fitzgerald Drive, Pinole Valley Road, or San Pablo Avenue, when they come due? There’s barely enough recurring revenue from Countywide Measure J tax allocations for minimal residential street repairs.

Pinole survived the recession by being well managed and fiscally responsible. Please help keep Pinole a great place to live and work.

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

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