

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

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### Support Measure J: Prevent Substantial Cuts to Police, Fire, and More.

El Cajon voters have an important decision to make about their community. A YES vote on Measure J, will continue an existing ½ cent sales tax approved by voters in 2008 to fund critical services. Alternatively, a NO vote will result in substantial cuts to the number of firefighters, police officers and more.

Approved in 2008, revenue from this measure ends soon, potentially resulting in a loss of +\$13 million in revenue, over 75% of which goes toward public safety efforts (the Fire and Police Departments).

Before placing Measure J on the ballot, the City held town halls where residents tried to balance the budget without the additional +\$13 million. Every citizen group found no way to balance the budget without drastic cuts to public safety and essential services.

If the sales tax is not continued, substantial cuts will include:

- **Eliminating up to NINE firefighters/paramedics**, leading to longer response times for emergencies like car accidents, heart attacks, and fires.
- **Eliminating up to TWENTY police officers**, resulting in higher crime rates, fewer investigations, and ending homeless enforcement.
- **Less paving and street maintenance**, resulting in more potholes and reduced property values.
- **Cutting other essential services** such as park maintenance, closing recreation centers, eliminating City events like July 4th fireworks, America on Main Street, Hauntfest, and graffiti abatement.

Measure J includes critical taxpayer safeguards:

- 1) **Limited Duration:** Expires after 20 years.
- 2) **Independent Oversight:** Independent Citizen's Oversight Board, consisting of resident and business representatives, taxpayer advocates, and accounting experts, will oversee funds.
- 3) **Local Funds:** 100% of revenue stays in El Cajon.

Prevent deep cuts to public safety and preserve El Cajon's future without increasing taxes. Vote YES on Measure J.

Learn more at [www.YesonElCajonMeasureJ](http://www.YesonElCajonMeasureJ) or [www.elcajon.gov/MeasureJ](http://www.elcajon.gov/MeasureJ)

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The undersigned authors of the general election for the City of El Cajon jurisdiction direct OR Rebuttal to the argument in favor of OR Against ballot measure J Letter hereby state

that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief. his/her/their 11/5/2024 Date

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