

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

As dedicated firefighters and police officers who serve and protect El Cajon, we must address misleading claims lodged by outsiders with no connection to our community. These claims, riddled with political buzzwords and scare tactics, do not reflect the reality of Measure J.

Here are the FACTS:

Fiction: *"We can't afford another tax hike."*

Fact: Let's be clear: Measure J is NOT a tax hike and won't cost taxpayers a single dollar more. It's simply a renewal of an existing voter-approved ½ cent sales tax that has funded essential services since 2008. This tax supports vital services like top-tier police, fire, and paramedic coverage, as well as homeless encampment cleanups.

Fiction: *"Wasteful spending with no oversight."*

Fact: Measure J includes strict oversight through an Independent Citizens Oversight Board. While legally, funds cannot be earmarked for specific services, El Cajon has a consistent track record of prioritizing public safety—dedicating 75% of the general fund towards police and fire over the last decade.

Fiction: *"Proceeds of this tax hike are being used to cover bloated pensions."*

Fact: This recycled rhetoric about "bloated pensions" is outdated. El Cajon's proactive steps to manage pension costs effectively saves voters more than \$100 million and is an example of responsible government.

We are the ones on the front lines, ensuring your safety. Don't be misled by false claims from those who don't live in El Cajon and don't understand our City's needs. El Cajon deserves continued safety and security. **Vote YES on Measure J.**

John Oslovar, Fire Captain / President, El Cajon Professional Firefighters Association

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at the GENERAL election for the CITY OF EL CAJON to be held on 11.5.24 hereby state
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that such argument is true and correct to the best of THEIR knowledge and belief.
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