

Rebuttal Argument in Favor of Measure I

Your **YES** vote on Measure I helps to protect our quality of life and independence from Sacramento's approximately \$50 billion deficit and its mandates that take away local control. 100% of Measure I stays in the City of Santa Barbara, providing critical dollars for public safety, truly affordable housing, libraries, parks and other essential services. Budget cuts due to statewide deficits will impact all of us, in particular our most vulnerable.

The question was asked, why is Santa Barbara more expensive to operate than Santa Maria? The answer is that Santa Barbara is a Full Service city with its own police and fire departments, a harbor, airport, water and wastewater facilities, a desalination plant, libraries, parks and recreation. In other cities, many of these services are provided by Special Districts or non-existent, such as desalination or a commercial harbor.

Furthermore, Santa Barbara is an economic hub and tourism destination, meaning that approximately half of Measure I revenue would be generated by non-residents. Also food and medicines would not be taxed by Measure I.

The City has already trimmed its resources to the point where further cuts will dramatically impact our public safety, ability to build affordable housing and provide support services. Vote **YES** on Measure I to support a strong city that is independent of Sacramento.

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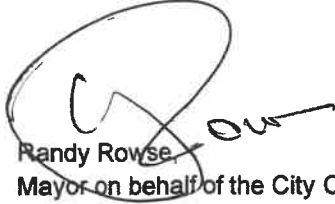
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