

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H**

Our City is claiming that our financial problems are all because the State is not giving them as much money as before. They state, *“At the beginning of the last decade, the state returned about 27% of local property taxes to our city. Today, approximately 18% is returned. The State annually has shifted a total of over \$3 million in property tax from the City”*.

Funny thing...this is the exact same language used the City's ballot argument for the Parks Tax Measure when it was last renewed 6 years ago in 2012. Some things never change!

Only now the City is also claiming it is continuing *"efforts to prudently manage city costs"*. Not true! For example, the average total annual compensation of our Park Maintenance II workers has risen from \$66,412 in 2012 to \$83,745 in 2016 — a 26% increase. So much for prudently managing costs!

Additionally, our last Parks Tax Measure renewal was for 6 years. But the City is now asking us to approve a 20-year renewal...and with no built-in accountability. Every bit of this Parks Tax Measure and other Parks budget money can be legally diverted for other uses in the City and the citizens footing the bill have no legal recourse. Do you trust our government to spend your tax money wisely for the next 20-years?

We all have household budgets that we are forced to live within. Our City government must learn to do the same.

Please Vote No on Measure H

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