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**Attach list of officers if document relates to a school district measure**

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Monterey County Citizens Group  
s/ Suzi Citizen, Chair

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Vote NO new taxes. Vote **NO** on Measure O.

There is much to enjoy about living in Pacific Grove, but higher taxes are not necessary to maintain these things. You can believe in the good things that Pacific Grove has to offer without believing in tax increases. There is much room for budget cuts that trim bureaucratic fat without cutting into the lean of valuable government services.

Measure O doesn't just raise the cap on business license fees: it eliminates the cap completely. Whenever a government fee is allowed to increase with no limit, that's bad policy.

Eliminating the cap on business fees will both hurt existing businesses and discourage new businesses from starting up.

The pro-tax side argues that the increase in the business tax would give the city government "just" six years to correct our financial course. Six years is a long time. And by the time six years have passed, few, if any, of our current political leaders will be in office. We must make our current political leaders accountable now rather than postponing accountability—and good financial decisions—for six years. Let's have accountability *and* keep the things we value about Pacific Grove.

David R. Henderson  
PG resident for 21 years



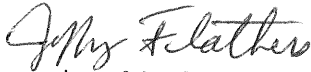
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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

Vote NO new taxes. Vote **NO** on Measure P.

Measure P is a bad idea because it bails government officials out from the consequences of their past bad choices. The easiest thing for government officials to do is spend more of your money rather than restraining their own expenditures. And people never spend other people's money as carefully as they spend their own. For that reason, we must hold government officials accountable and insist that they fund valuable services with their current budget by cutting fat from that budget.

Measure P would impose an increased tax of \$120 per year per parcel. An owner of a \$400,000 parcel would pay the same additional \$120 tax as the owner of a \$2,000,000 parcel.

The pro-tax side claims that raising the parcel tax "holds our City government accountable and forces them to remedy, within six years, the severe consequences from years of accumulated financial challenges." They have it exactly backwards. More tax revenues will allow the city government to continue its excessive spending. It forces no changes of bad spending habits. Even if the PG government remedies nothing, it will still get that revenue.

There is much to enjoy about living in Pacific Grove. Paying higher taxes is not one of those things.

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Vote NO new taxes. Vote **NO** on Measure Q.

Measure Q is a bad idea because it bails government officials out from the consequences of their past bad choices. City government officials want to take the easy way out of the problems caused by these choices by raising the tax on every taxable good sold in Pacific Grove.

The easiest thing for government officials to do is spend more of your money rather than restraining their own appetites. And people never spend other people's money as carefully as they spend their own. For that reason, we must hold government officials accountable and insist that they fund valuable services with their current budget. The way to do so is to cut fat from that budget.

Measure Q would increase the sales tax by one half of one percentage point. A sales tax is a regressive tax: it takes a higher percentage of income from lower-income people than from higher-income people.

The pro-tax side claims that having the sales tax increase expire in six years "forces our City government to reverse the grave impacts from prior years." That's utterly false. It allows them to let their sloppy spending practices continue for six years and to postpone the sensible measures that they could take now.

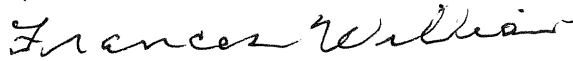
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