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Argument in Favor of Measure K

With rising crime rates and a growing population, Victorville's need for public safety is greater than ever before. The city has been unable to keep pace with the rising costs of providing fire and police services for Victorville residents and our many visitors.

Approving Measure K would help fund public safety with no property tax increases. The proposed ½ cent sales tax equals only fifty cents per every \$100 of purchases. The tax would also be shared by visitors when they stop for gas or shop in Victorville.

Despite years of trimming spending for non-safety services, cutting jobs, layoffs and trimming employee salaries; this tax is needed to help us increase and sustain safety services for our growing population.

A YES vote on Measure K will require non-resident visitors to share costs, maintain local control of public safety and fully-fund Victorville fire and police service needs.

Measure K is currently estimated to raise \$8.5 million per year, which would be used to:

- Hire 10 additional police officers;
- Hire 15 firefighters/paramedics;
- Open Fire Station 315 near Sunset Ridge Park; and
- Add a second paramedic squad to respond to increasing calls for medical aid.

Funds raised through Measure K would be restricted so they could only be used for public safety and couldn't be diverted for any other purpose.

Without approval of Measure K, the City Council will have to pursue alternate fire service options, such as annexation to the County Fire Protection District; which would result in a parcel tax for Victorville property owners.

Approving Measure K will maintain local control of public safety in Victorville, provide needed resources to expand fire and police services, and ensure those using the service pay for it.

Protect our community. Vote YES on Measure K.

Gloria Garcia, Mayor

Jim Cox, Mayor Pro Tem

Jim Kennedy, Councilmember

Eric Negrete, Councilmember