Argument in Favor of Measure L

Vote Yes on Measure L — Montclair Essential Services Protection Measure

Help keep our community safe and prosperous by protecting Montclair's long-term financial ability to fund essential community needs including public safety and 911 emergency medical services, programs targeting recovery from public health emergencies, youth and senior services, initiatives aimed at retaining local businesses and jobs, maintenance of parks and streets, and capital projects improving the City's infrastructure.

A Yes Vote on Measure L will add a 1 cent sales tax, generating approximately \$7 million in unrestricted funds that will allow the City of Montclair to continue providing high quality programs and services to our businesses and residents.

Montclair is recognized for unmatched community services that help make it a great place to live, work, play, and conduct business. The health, safety, and prosperity of our community depends on the City's ability to continue providing high-quality community services essential to our daily lives.

Due to state mandates and funding reductions, public health emergencies, and economic recessions, Montclair has lost approximately \$14.5 million in annual funds resulting in layoffs, hiring freezes, service reductions, and deferment of roughly \$34 million in infrastructure and capital improvement projects. City leaders also renegotiated labor agreements, reduced retirement benefits, eliminated staff positions, and adopted a "do more with less" management philosophy.

Despite these reductions to Montclair's operating costs the City' ability to fund essential services and maintain and promote infrastructure improvements remains compromised.

That is why we ask that you **Vote Yes on** *Measure L* to raise approximately **\$7 million** in unrestricted funds for essential City services and programs.

Measure L includes strict transparency requirements, mandates that annual independent financial audits be presented to the public, and requires that *Measure L* funds be spent only in Montclair.

We need your support. Vote Yes on Measure L!

Signed By:

Ginger Eaton,

Montclair Planning Commissioner and former Mayor of the City of Montclair

Arturo Padilla, Montclair Community Activities Commissioner

David McQuitty, Managing Director of Development - CIM Group - Owners of Montclair Place

Steve Hammit, Board Chair - Montclair Chamber of Commerce

Dr. James Lally, Chief Medical Officer, Health Service Alliance, Montclair Community Health Center 2020 AUG 17 AN IO: 41

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