

## Argument Against Measure T

This **100% SALES TAX INCREASE** is being sold to Redlands Taxpayers as necessary to respond to the Covid emergency. It is not necessary, and it will **CONTINUE FOREVER**.

**NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING** increases every year. The Council **wasted \$250,000** on **MEASURE G**. They ignore the vote of people and continue planning thousands of multi-story apartments downtown. Critical issues of traffic and parking do not receive the attention they deserve.

Money continues to be wasted on **CONSULTANTS**.

This year's **city budget** is **6.5% HIGHER** than two years ago. **Up 31.4% in seven years**, twice the rate of inflation. **Police is UP 14.2%**, **fire UP 11.9 % this year over two years ago**.

**Most city employees** received a **3% RAISE in July**. Most of the current budget goes to employee wages and pensions. Many live outside Redlands. That tax money is lost to our economy.

This measure **DOUBLES** the sales tax the City collects each year, about \$13,500,000 in (2018-2019) while adding an estimated **additional BURDEN of \$730 annually** on a family of four.

Unemployment is increasing. **29% of local households** have reported a **LOST JOB**. The U of R has laid off forty-five employees. Many **SENIORS** are **STRUGGLING**.

Our **SCHOOLS** face millions in **CUTS**.

There's **NO GUARANTEE** on how this money will be spent.

Meanwhile, money for our treasured **LIBRARY** is cut. Sacrificed to mis-guided priorities.

This tax increase **HURTS LOCAL BUSINESSES** that are already struggling, some closing.

Water rates are way up with another increase planned, yet our use is restricted. A large increase in sewer rates is coming to pay for a \$40,000,000 mandated upgrade which will affect all.

It is time for the City to **LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS AND TIGHTEN ITS BELT AS ALL OF US MUST DO**, during this difficult time.

Vote **NO** on **MEASURE T**

William E. Cunningham, Treasurer, Redlands for Responsible Growth Management

James K. Forsythe, Citizen of Redlands

William Chavez, Citizen of Redlands

STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS Redlands City Clerk

Elections Code section 9600 requires that all arguments concerning measures shall be accompanied by the following statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the:

Check the appropriate box below:

- Argument In Favor of (Proponents)
Argument In Favor of (Opponents)
[X] Argument Against (Opponents)
Argument Against (Proponents)

Ballot measure T at the Presidential General Election for the
(Measure Letter) (Title of Election)


City of Redlands to be held on November 3, 2020, hereby state that this
(Jurisdiction) (Date of Election)

argument is true and correct to the best of Their knowledge and belief.
(his/her/their)

Proponents/Authors:

Form box for William E Cunningham, Treasurer of Redlands for Responsible Growth Management, signed 8/11/2020.

Form box for James K. Forsythe, Citizen of Redlands, signed 8/11/2020.

Print Name <u>William Chavez</u> Title <u>Citizen of Redlands</u>	Signature  Date <u>8/12/2020</u>
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