

Rebuttal Argument

Need more reasons for saying No to Measure B? Here are five more:

- California Election Code Section 9603(c) specifically states: "The results of the advisory vote will in no manner be controlling on the sponsoring legislative body." This measure therefore is advisory only and has no force of law.
- The Impartial Analysis of Measure B by County Counsel Dennis Bunting in the November Ballot Voters Pamphlet specifically states: "The opinion expressed in this advisory vote, while of interest to the Board of Supervisors, is not in any manner legally controlling on the Board of Supervisors' use of any new County revenues." So in other words, Measure A raises our sales tax by one-quarter cent and Measure B has no effect on how it is spent.
- State law also requires that sales tax measures for a specific purpose require a 2/3rds vote. Once again, the Board of Supervisors, in an effort to circumvent the law and make Measure A easier to pass, are calling it a "general" tax. General taxes only require a majority vote to pass. Pretty sneaky, huh?
- There is no legal reason why the County couldn't use the money from this measure for projects other than children's projects. Again, it is an advisory measure only. There are no penalties in the measure for not spending the money on children's projects.
- The County currently has \$58 million in reserves it could spend on these programs if they were truly needed.

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