

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Taxpayers should vote NO on Measure A because:

Measure A DOESN'T legally guarantee increased police or fire services or improved neighborhood infrastructure. City Hall wrote it as "general tax" that it can spend for ANY general fund items it may desire. That can include more public employee pay raises in upcoming contracts, more "six figure club" salaries and more special interest driven wasteful spending without overdue reforms.

Measure A would impose a whopping 10% sales tax rate in Long Beach while it's 9% in Lakewood and Signal Hill and 8% in most Orange County cities. It will make our city LESS competitive, LESS business friendly and LESS consumer friendly. Long Beach would end up with one of the highest sales tax rates in California.

City Hall wrote Measure A to shrink and "sunset" so they can claim it's "temporary" but it doesn't provide any spending reforms now or later.

Measure A includes NO serious oversight, just a "fox-guarding-the-henhouse" Mayor-chosen, Council-approved committee with NO power to make changes for taxpayers.

Measure A is a regressive tax that will be felt especially hard by seniors on fixed incomes as well as poor and working class residents.

We CAN have a better Long Beach, but Measure A is a "blank check" that lets politicians make promises now without delivering later. We can't afford more wasteful spending without reforms and overdue changes to ensure our City is better run.

We shouldn't reward City Hall for poor financial decisions by handing them more taxpayer money!

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AND VOTE NO on Measure A.

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