

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Let's Protect Services by Saving for a Rainy Day - Vote Yes on B

As your last three Mayors of Long Beach, we have each worked to balance the City's budget in good times—and bad.

Measure B will provide a new tool to protect important services during future recessions. If passed, Measure B will require the first 1% of any new general tax be placed into a special “Budget Stabilization Fund” to protect police, fire and other critical services during future recessions when revenue to the city declines.

Let's start saving money now for a future rainy day.

During the last recession, the City had to make significant service reductions: more than 200 police officer positions and 80 firefighter positions were eliminated along with many other important services to serve Long Beach seniors, youth and residents.

Voting Yes on Measure B will:

- Create a special “Budget Stabilization Fund” to protect critical services
- Maintain and protect police and fire staffing levels during recessions
- Save rather than spend a portion of new tax revenues for a rainy day
- Protect residents and neighborhoods from service cuts

We are asking you join us in supporting Measure B to create a new, dedicated “Budget Stabilization Fund” to maintain police, fire and other critical services during future recessions and revenue declines to the City. This rainy day fund will ensure that we have the resources necessary to protect Long Beach during hard economic times.

Please join Long Beach Firefighters, Long Beach Police Officers, City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, and hundreds of community leaders and Vote Yes on Measure B.

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