

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Measure B will provide a new tool to protect important services during future recessions. If passed, Measure B will require the first 1% of new city tax revenue 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.

While the economy has been improving for several years, it is only a matter of time until another recession hits. If passed, Measure B would require the first 1% of any new general tax revenue to be saved and only used to offset revenue shortfalls during recessions. Saving now, will protect vital services like police and fire in the future.

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.

Measure B creates a special “Budget Stabilization Fund” to protect critical services and maintain and protect police and fire staffing levels during recessions.

Please join Long Beach Firefighters, Long Beach Police Officers, City Prosecutor Doug Haubert, and hundreds of community leaders and Vote Yes on Measure B. This rainy day fund will ensure we have the resources necessary to protect Long Beach during hard economic times.

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