

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A**

**Don't be fooled!** Measure A **DOESN'T** legally require City Hall to provide more police, improve 911 response times, restore firefighters or fix streets and potholes.

It's a General sales tax that they can spend on whatever they want. Those running City Hall with six figure salaries, pay raises, bloated pensions and costly spending practices including the Taj Mahal Civic Center shouldn't be handed a blank check. Promises of future actions won't legally bind them but will bind you to pay.

Signal Hill, Lakewood and L.A. manage with a 9% sales tax. For most OC cities it's 8%. A 10% sales tax is the wrong response after City Hall's own practices left LB with decimated services and infrastructure.

Measure A rewards bad decisions and encourages more. Telling you it's "temporary" is trickery because it doesn't provide spending reforms now or when the money vanishes.

Telling you it's to upgrade city water systems to protect neighborhoods is deceptive because we pay for water supplies with our water utility bills, not sales taxes.

Measure A can be spent for more city employee union pay raises after the election. That's politically self-serving, not public serving.

Measure A **DOESN'T** legally guarantee what its proponents claim, **DOESN'T** include necessary spending reforms, **WILL** negatively impact seniors on fixed incomes and working class taxpayers and **WILL** put Long Beach at a disadvantage.

Show City Hall you can't be fooled and expect more for a better Long Beach. Vote **NO on Measure A.**

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