



ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: **March 3, 2020** MEASURE I.D. (if any): **X**

JURISDICTION: **City of Torrance**

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# Rebuttal to Argument for Measure X

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Local Control and Public Safety are smoke screens to trick you into voting for Measure X. There's no guarantee the revenue will go to public safety. The City is not "legally bound" to use the revenue for any special purpose or facilities or programs.

They tell you this tax increase is necessary to "fund essential services" Yet, nobody from the fire department, police department, or City Council signed supporting this measure.

Measure X is about unsustainable pension debt and who will make good on the City's pension promises—and retiree health benefits. Raising taxes will not fix it. Spending cuts will. Our Council should follow the first rule of holes: When you're in one, stop digging.

We lost Local Control when Council members and Mayors handed out gold plated pensions on Volkswagen budgets. Some retirees walked away with \$250,000 annual pensions.

Measure X is a bailout. This year City payroll is forecast to be \$120 MILLION. The mid-year pension payment is \$64 MILLION or 52% of CURRENT payroll.

Over the last four (4) years, City pension payments have increased 70%. They are forecast to increase \$5 to \$8 MILLION annually for the next twelve (12) to sixteen (16) years. We're headed for bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, Measure X has no sunset clause. Once in place, it never expires. It's forever.

How do you fund your household budget? With a bailout? No, you cut spending. So should City Hall. Stop kicking the can down the road.

Vote NO on Measure X.

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of ballot measure Sales Tax Measure X at the Presidential Primary  
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election for the Torrance City Council to be held on  
March 3, 2020 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the  
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best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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