

Measure "H"

Ballot Argument in Opposition

In November of 2016, Hemet voters overwhelmingly passed Measure "U" and, as a result, approximately \$65,000,000 to date has been added to the City of Hemet General Fund. Sixty-Five. Million. Dollars. In 2016, the City Council made a promise to the voters that the millions raised by Measure "U" would be spent on public safety, with the number one priority of increasing "boots on the ground" to combat the ever-increasing crime rate. Mayor Bonnie Wright stated in a YouTube video (still available for viewing) that if the voters passed Measure "U" the City would immediately hire 36 police officers. In 2016, there were approximately 54 police officers at that constituted our patrol staff. Six years later, the number is approximately 60. What happened? After taxpayers paid \$65,000,000 we have basically the same "boots on the ground" as in 2016. We held up our end but promises made by the Hemet City Council were definitely broken.

Now the Council is asking voters to re-authorize Measure "U" in the form of Measure "H" except that this time, there is no 10-year expiration. Why now? Measure "U" doesn't expire until November of 2026. Between Primary and General elections, we have four more opportunities to re-authorize Measure "U." Why not send the City Council a message and insist that it keeps its original promise before asking taxpayers to trust them with a blank check that will never expire.

Note that Measure "U" funds (an average of approximately \$13,000,000 per year) will still continue until 2026 if voters decline Measure "H." Let's hold our City Council accountable. We should know exactly where our \$65,000,000 was spent and we need to see the promised "boots on the ground" fulfilled. Only then should the City Council ask us to tax ourselves further.

Vote NO on this premature Measure "H."

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Respectfully submitted on August 22, 2022.


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STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the PRIMARY argument AGAINST
(PRIMARY/REBUTTAL) (IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST)
 ballot proposition "H" at the GENERAL
(NAME OR NUMBER) (TITLE OF ELECTION)
 election for the CITY OF HEMET to be held on NOVEMBER 8, 2022
(JURISDICTION) (DATE)

hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of THEIR knowledge and belief.
(HIS/HER/THEIR)

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- (2) Letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers.
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