

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE X

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The opposition to Measure X is written by individuals who contributed to our challenges, yet now ask you to reject a solution to protect their image—without offering a realistic alternative. This measure should not be about anyone's "legacy." It is about doing what is right for the city we call home.

Opponents claim essential services are "fully funded," yet the city continues to reduce investments in infrastructure and amenities. One example is our newest fire station, which remains completely unstaffed despite population growth. Does this sound like a "pet project"?

Last year, 85% of calls to the Loma Linda Fire Department were medical emergencies. Measure X helps us get the people and equipment needed to save lives!

Their alternative is clear: more cuts—fewer programs, less maintenance, and reduced public safety. One councilmember stated they are open to bankruptcy rather than a tax increase. Others have suggested reducing sheriff's deputies and eliminating the city's fire department. Slower emergency response, declining infrastructure, and lower quality of life is not leadership—it puts public safety in jeopardy.

Measure X provides locally controlled funding with strict accountability measures you can be involved in to ensure funds are used as promised.

Don't be misled. At 1%, \$1,000 requires \$100,000 taxable spending—do you spend \$100k/year in the city? The measure would cost far less for most households, with a significant portion **paid by visitors**, not residents.

Essential purchases are exempt, including housing, groceries, medications, and other necessities.

Vote YES on Measure X.

s/ Phill Dupper, Mayor

s/ Ronald Dailey, Mayor Pro Tem

s/ Rhonda Spencer-Hwang, Councilmember