

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K**

Due to the economic downturn, San Jose is faced with extremely difficult budget decisions. Severe service cuts and layoffs are being considered which will have direct negative impacts on city services and residents. **Yes on Measure K** brings San Jose approximately \$5 million in new revenue annually without increasing taxes on San Jose residents and helps prevent some of these cuts and layoffs. **Yes on Measure K** means we can preserve some city services such as fire protection, library hours, public safety, park programs, and street repairs by increasing the tax on San Jose's two cardrooms so they pay their fair share.

**Measure K is not a tax on residents or any other businesses -- it increases the tax on San Jose's two cardrooms by 2%. Only the cardrooms will pay.**

Over 90 communities in California permit cardrooms to operate. San Jose has the most extensive and complete system of oversight in all of California. In addition to this fair share tax increase, strict compliance, audits and accountability will continue on in both cardrooms. San Jose also requires the two cardrooms to fund a one-of-a-kind program to identify, assist and counsel problem gamblers. Finally, Measure K permits a modest increase in tables for each club, in accordance with State guidelines, and aligns the local requirements on games and betting to match the regulations of the State Gaming Control Division.

San Jose has permitted cardrooms to operate in our city for more than 60 years. Measure K maintains San Jose voters' authority over the cardrooms. Cardrooms are the greatest single source of tax revenue coming to San Jose. **Yes on Measure K** ensures that they pay more and pay their fair share.

To help preserve San Jose City services, we ask you to join us in voting **Yes on Measure K**.

1. Judy Chirco, Vice Mayor, City of San Jose
2. Fred Abram, San Jose Police Department Assistant Chief - (ret.)
3. Susan Hammer, Former Mayor, City of San Jose
4. Nancy Pyle, San Jose Councilmember/Chair, Community and Economic Development Committee
5. Pat Dando, President & CEO - San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce