Toni Taber, August 16, 2016

San Jose City Clerk

The Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association, along with other individuals, submit this argument against Measure F (San Jose).

Please for any arguments submitted for or against Measure F, and when appropriate, the rebuttals, forward all arguments to Mark W.A. Hinkle and Jay Carson, at email addresses below:

Mark Hinkle email address is [redacted]

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Thanks.....Mark W.A. Hinkle,

President: Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association

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Cover Page for Argument Against Measure F

The undersigned or author of the primary argument against ballot Measure F at the General Election for the City of San Jose to beheld on November 8, 2016 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F

Let's call this Measure F what it is: FISCAL FAILURE
Full REPEAL of Pension Reform and a Massive INCREASE in Public Pensions

This measure had no public input in its drafting. Public union bosses and city leaders negotiated in secret, not revealing the ballot language until mere hours before the council vote.

Why the secrecy? Maybe this is why:
For many employees:

- Pension benefits are increased by a whopping 23%
- Cost of living increase maximums for retirees will rise by 33%
- The city's pension contribution rates will skyrocket by 36%

San Jose reports it will contribute over $369,000,000 more just to pay for these pension increases. With these extra pension costs, how are we going to pay from much needed services, like libraries, parks, potholes and public safety?

Is this why they had to raise the sales tax and are now trying to raise the business tax?

Over 1000 employees will even receive RETROACTIVE pension increases. We don't even know how many millions that will come to, because city leaders didn't calculate the cost – even though state law requires it.

Employees under this new benefit can receive much higher pensions than CalPERS employees in other cities, because this measure doesn't have the compensation limits that the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act put in place. This will lead to much higher six-figure pensions in San Jose than many other cities - for the exact same jobs.

70% of San Jose voters approved Measure B in 2012 because the old pension system was unsustainable. Now this measure will put more people back into that system where pension contributions continue to rise, some now exceeding 92% of payroll. While Measure B pensions are stable: contributions are less than 22% of payroll.

Measure B provided fair, sustainable pensions. This measure undoes that.

Don't go backward. Vote NO on Measure F: www.ProtectPensionReform.com

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FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 3 (beginning with § 9200) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement **to be signed** by each proponent, and by each author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponent (s) or author(s) of the (primary/rebuttal) argument (in favor of/against) ballot proposition (name or number) at the General Municipal Election for the City of San Jose to be held on November 8, 2016 hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

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*All Authors must print his/her name **and sign this form** (EC 9600) AND*
*Print his/her name **and sign the Argument itself** (EC 9283) AND*
*Print his/her name **and sign the Rebuttal Argument itself** (EC 9285)*

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Likewise, printed rebuttal arguments submitted pursuant to Election Code § 9285 shall be titled either "Rebuttal To Argument In Favor Of Measure __" or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure __".