

COUNTY OF SONOMA
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

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ELECTION DATE: November 3, 2020

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MEASURE LETTER DESIGNATION: V

JURISDICTION: City of Sonoma

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ARGUMENT AGAINST (300 WORDS)

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ballot measure V at the _____ Presidential Election _____ election for
(Letter) (Name of Election)

the City of Sonoma being held on November 3 , 2020
(Jurisdiction) (Date of Election)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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Daniel A. Drummond, Executive Director
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Measure V is a forever tax that never goes away. If approved, you will never again be asked to renew it. You will never again have the opportunity to evaluate how your city council spends the tax proceeds. Your city council members will never again need to justify their spending decisions. Goodbye to transparency and accountability.

Oh sure, your council members are telling you this tax remains only “until ended by voters.” That seemingly benign phraseology belies the near impossibility of average citizens getting a repeal measure on the ballot.

Unless you and an army of volunteers intend to spend a month camped out in front of the grocery store and post office collecting signatures, plan on hiring professional paid signature gatherers to get the necessary signatures.

Plan also on hiring expensive political consultants and attorneys to guide you through the legal process and draft the ballot language and other necessary paperwork. And should you manage to do all that, remember you still need to run a campaign supporting your measure. It is a daunting task, and one your council members are relying on to shield them from future scrutiny.

The current tax doesn't even expire until 2022 so why are you being asked to renew it now? Your council members know that forever taxes are controversial and usually rejected by voters. By bringing the renewal now, they give themselves two bites at the apple - try now to get the renewal as a forever tax and if that doesn't work, bring it back in 2022 with the ten year expiration it should have had from the beginning.

Your city council is employing a sneaky strategy that exploits your unfamiliarity with the ballot measure process. You deserve better from your elected representatives.

Be informed. Vote No.