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ballot measure H at the Consolidated General election for the City of Santa Rosa being held on November 8, 2022

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

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Santa Rosa voters are being asked to approve yet another sales tax increase, a quarter cent tax bump that will raise $10 million annually for public safety programs. Just two years ago, Santa Rosa voters approved a half-cent sales tax increase that raises $20 million annually. No restrictions were placed on the larger tax thereby creating a slush fund the city council is free to spend any way it likes.

On top of those two sales taxes, voters have approved county wide sales taxes in recent years to fund parks, libraries mental health services and SMART. In total, Santa Rosa voters now pay a combined sales tax of 9.25%.

In June, Santa Rosa city council members adopted their biggest budget ever, a whopping $479 million, nearly a half a billion dollars. Left out of that budget was the $10 million they’re now asking you to approve.

So why would the city council deliberately underfund public safety programs?

Well, council members know first of all that voters typically approve anything linked to public safety so there was really no reason to fully fund public safety programs knowing voters could be counted on to fund the shortfall. Secondly, the $10 million denied to public safety was freed up for a variety of pet projects that voters will never see.

A no vote on Measure H sends a message to city council members that you’re tired of their gamesmanship. It tells them you want your public safety programs funded from tax dollars you’ve already paid for that purpose, not diverted to individual pet projects. It tells them that times are hard for everyone and you’ve had enough of their sales tax increases every couple of years.

Say yes to good government. Say no to Measure H.