Rebuttal to Argument in Opposition to Sales Tax Measure U

None of 100,000 Richmond residents filed ballot arguments against Measure U, the 1/2% Sales Tax to restore $7,500,000 budget cuts to vital services like pothole repair, police, firefighters, libraries, and parks/recreation.

However, the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, primarily funded by rich out of town businesses, filed an opposition argument.

Thanks for proving our point: "businesses, out of town shoppers, and rich people

We wonder how this Association, mainly financed by big business, with a Board that apparently has no Richmond residents or employees, feels qualified to protect “the lower incomes” by telling us what to do.

Measure U supporters writing this rebuttal live in "lower incomes" neighborhoods and spend (and risk) their lives trying to keep those streets safe.

The Association says Richmond has too many employees. We respectfully inquire: which ones? Police? Street repair? Firefighters? Librarians? Youth recreation?

We agree with the Association that Richmond "has flat revenue for the next few years."

No rich uncle to restore cuts: only Measure U.

That's why the famously divided Richmond City Council unanimously put U on your Ballot.

So the Association's argument threw out enough red herrings to fill a Blackhawk sized swimming pool:

* Richmond has more employees than Concord. But Richmond has services (like libraries and Port) that Concord doesn’t.

Who do you trust?

Rich non-local businesses trying to (once again) extract money from Richmond-leaving little behind?

Or your Richmond neighbors, Richmond police, and Richmond firefighters?

Vote Yes on Measure U.

March 7, 2014
The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Name: Jim Rogers
Title: Councilmember, City of Richmond
Signature: [Signature]

Name: __________________________________________
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NOTE: Signatures (Proposers and Opponents) Names and Titles will appear exactly the same as shown on this page. SignatureStatement Form. If the agreement of the Association appears on behalf of an Association, the name of the Association will appear in the space provided for the Signature. If the agreement of the Association appears on behalf of a Principal Officer or Member of an Association, the name of the Association will appear in the space provided for the Signature.
BONA FIDE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS FILER DATA SHEET

The following information is submitted by the Eligible Filer(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens:

Name of Association: _FAFF Local 188 Richmond Fire Fighters_
Principal Officer’s Printed Name: _Mark Cisneros_
Principal Officers Title: _Secretary - Treasurer_
Phone: _510 213-1879_ FAX: _510 258-4392_
E-Mail: _rfd367 @ aol.net_

INSTRUCTIONS: Check and complete all that apply.

☐ A Form 410 Statement of Organization - establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure committee to support or oppose the __________________ measure was filed on _______________. Committee ID. Number ____________________________

(This document must be filed within 10 days of the date the committee receives $1,000.00 in contributions.)

☐ The organization meets on a regular basis, meetings are held at 3500 Cutting Blvd. on the following schedule: Third Thursday of each month

☐ Other information that would support the claim that the group or organization is a Bona Fide Association, rather than a group of individuals who support or oppose the ____________________________ Measure:

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Principal Officer’s Signature: ________________

On the __25__ day of __August__ 2014 at __Richmond__, California.
BONA FIDE ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS FILER DATA SHEET

The following information is submitted by the Eligible Filer(s) to establish that the organization or group is a Bona Fide Association of Citizens:

Name of Association: **Richmond Police Officers Association**

Principal Officer's Printed Name: **John Lopez**

Principal Officers Title: **POA Secretary**

Phone: **707.999.0064** FAX: ________________________________

E-Mail: **lopez@richmondpd.net**

INSTRUCTIONS: Check and complete all that apply.

☐ A Form 410 Statement of Organization - establishing the group or organization as a Primarily Formed Ballot Measure committee to support or oppose the __________________ measure was filed on _________________. Committee I.D. Number ____________________________

[This document must be filed within 10 days of the date the committee receives $1,000.00 in contributions.]

☑ The organization meets on a regular basis, meetings are held at **Hotel Mac** on the following schedule **Quarterly or as needed**.

☐ Other information that would support the claim that the group or organization is a Bona Fide Association, rather than a group of individuals who support or oppose the __________________ Measure:

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Principal Officer's Signature

On the __________ day of __________, __________ at __________, California.