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CITY CLERKS OFFICE
CITY OF RICHMOND

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE U

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Lack of Oversight: Another reason to vote NO.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association recommends voters to oppose Measure U because the sales tax has no sunset clause, nor a citizen oversight committee.

70.5% of the city budget is salaries/benefits. What are you really paying for?

What is the city not telling you? It's appalling the city of Richmond levies a permanent hidden pension tax on your property of \$140 per \$100,000 assessed value. This \$13 million annual pension tax goes for pensions, not roads.

The city's unfunded OPEB (Other Personnel Employee Benefits) liability is \$76.1 million. The city pays \$2.3 million per year for a pension obligation bond. What is the guarantee that this general fund tax increase will not be used to pay for spiraling pension, debt, and salary costs? Just say No!

The Fire Chief in 2012 made \$249,504.46 per year total pay and benefits in Richmond. Do you make this amount?

In 2012, over 500 Richmond city employees made over \$100,000 per year total pay and benefits.

High sales tax is a regressive tax. It hurts the middle class, fixed incomes, and the lower incomes! It will make goods and services priced higher in Richmond than cities with lower sales tax. In comparison, the city of Vacaville, CA has a 7.875% sales tax.

Lack of Oversight: Another reason to vote NO on Measure U.

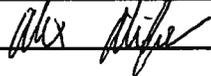
The undersigned Proponent(s) or Author(s) hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Name Alex Aliferis

Name _____

Title Executive Director, Contra Costa Taxpayers Association

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Election Date: _____
District: _____
Measure: _____

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: Costa Costa Taxpayers Association

Principal Officer's Printed Name: Alex Alexis

Principal Officers Title: Executive Director

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E-Mail: alex@ccotax.org

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 Levee Road, CA Dogway's 1313 Villa Park Road on the following schedule 5th Friday of each month; September 26, 2014 at 7:15 a.m.

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 Alex Alexis

On the 25 day of August 2014 at Valhnut Creek, California.