

PRIMARY ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

The City of Richmond has a spending problem, not a revenue problem, and that spending problem threatens its financial solvency. Before introducing any major new programs or taxes to residents, the City of Richmond first needs to get its own financial house in order.

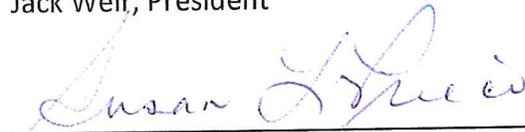
According to Transparent California, a nonpartisan think tank that gathers public compensation figures through public record requests, Richmond's average public employee compensation FOR ALL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA was in the top 10. In 2017, two Richmond fire battalion chiefs each earned more than \$500,000 in total pay plus benefits! In a city where the average resident earns approximately \$40,000 per year, Richmond had over 45 employees who earned at least \$300,000 in total pay plus benefits.

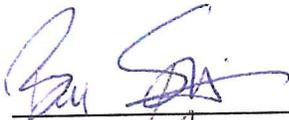
These personnel expenses not only create salary obligations in the current year, but force the city to undertake long-term pension obligations for its retirees. Richmond currently has promised than \$300 million more to retirees than it has resources to pay.

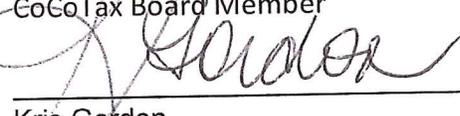
Residents must demand that Richmond act as a responsible financial steward of public funds.

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