

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE T

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association uses the same false and misleading argument to respond to every proposed revenue measure, regardless of its purpose. Don't buy it.

Measure T is unique. It not a general tax; it is a special revenue measure with a designated oversight commission targeted on two pervasive problems that plague Richmond neighborhoods (1) dumping and blight, and (2) homeless camps.

Without additional funding to address them, both of these quality of life and public safety issues that affect all of us will continue to get worse.

The vast majority of Richmond residents will not have to pay for this. Most vacant properties are owned by speculators who don't live in Richmond and who are paying minimal property taxes under Prop 13.

Measure T provides absentee property owners an opportunity to help solve a Richmond problem that in many cases they have contributed to.

Richmond property owners who are using a vacant lot as part of their yard, for a fruit or vegetable garden, for business parking, or for other productive purposes are generally exempt.

Measure T will help clean up our neighborhoods, make Richmond safer, improve property values and help the neediest among us transition to more productive lives.

How can you argue against that?

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

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