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STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

(Section 9600 of the Elections Code requires that all arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to this division shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument).

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Rebuttal argument In Favor
(PRIMARY/REBUTTAL) (IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST)
ballot proposition Measure H at the 2022 General Election
(NAME OR NUMBER) (TITLE OF ELECTION)
election for the City of Hemet to be held on November 8, 2022
(JURISDICTION) (DATE)

hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of Their knowledge and belief.
(HIS/HER/THEIR)

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SIGNATURE:

1. Malcolm Lilienthal (Mayor)
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(PHONE) DATE 8/31/22
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(PHONE) DATE 9-1-22
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5. Suzanne Kozma (Chair, Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee)
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(PHONE) DATE 09-01-22

In order to enable the elections official to determine whether it qualifies as a bona fide association of citizens, an organization or association submitting an argument for or against a measure shall submit with its argument a copy of one of the following:
(1) Its articles of incorporation, articles of association, partnership documents, bylaws, or similar documents.
(2) Letterhead containing the name of the organization and its principal officers.
(3) If the organization or association is a primarily formed committee established to support or oppose the measure, its statement of organization filed pursuant to Section 84101 of the Government Code.



Measure U enabled Hemet to increase public safety personnel and implement new technologies. These funds were spent consistent with the intent of voters, while responding to unforeseen challenges, including pandemic-related recruitment and retention problems that impacted public agencies throughout the state.

We've made tremendous progress, including the development of specially-trained teams to address gang activity, homelessness and drug sales. We've implemented new technologies to increase efficiency – resulting in reduced crime rates and improved fire and paramedic services.

The small group of opponents that claimed Measure U wasn't needed are now making the same claims about Measure H. They want our City to wait until a new crisis is upon us before taking the necessary steps to maintain public safety.

But it takes years to recruit and train public safety professionals. If we wait until Measure U expires, the progress we've made will be lost, our trained professionals will be recruited away by other cities, and we risk returning to the crisis that existed before Measure U.

Both our residents and our public safety employees deserve to feel secure, knowing Hemet will have the resources to retain existing personnel and attract new talent.

Local sales taxes with no expiration date are in place in over 90% of cities in Riverside County. The threat of Measure U expiring would seriously hinder our ability to avoid layoffs and would undercut efforts to recruit and retain top-quality professionals.

The Measure U Oversight Committee will remain in effect to ensure funds are spent as promised, with transparency and accountability.