

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure I

City officials used **scare tactics**—claiming that our infrastructure is deteriorating and in worse condition than it is—as well as “**red herrings**” and **empty promises** in pushing Measure I.

- **Street pavement**—Belmont spent more than \$2,400,000 the past two years, enough to prevent further deterioration, per City estimates.
- **Storm drain pipes**—The only ones deteriorating are the 5.5% made of metal, costing only \$1,700,000 to replace.
- **Sewer Repairs**—These are fully funded by bonds and not a concern.
- **“Maintaining 911...response times” and “quality of life services”**—These services are great with our existing revenues!

For street pavement and storm drains, expected new revenues will allow for steady improvements without raising taxes or hurting local businesses.

Measure I provides a false sense of security with an “Advisory Committee” to “report” on how the tax “has been spent.” The term “advisory” is misleading because this committee has no role in determining how the proceeds **should** be spent! The City Manager bypassed the Infrastructure Committee this year in promoting this tax, so it’s likely this new committee will also be **ignored and ineffective**.

The proponents say there will be annual audits “to ensure funds are spent...as promised”—That is a **wasteful duplication** of existing audits and an **empty promise as the funds may be spent for any City purpose whatsoever!**

The City's "impartial analysis" was prepared by the City Attorney, who may gain from this measure in salary and other benefits.

Vote NO on Measure I!

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