

Ballot Argument Against Measure D at the Palm Springs General Municipal Election for the City of Palm Springs to be held on November 7, 2017

Some people believe continuing to do the same thing while expecting a different result is the definition of insanity. In 2011, the City asked voters to approve a 1% general sales tax increase which they promised to use to improve police and fire protection and maintain City services. After approval, they shoveled over \$50 million in cash, and as much as \$100 million more in tax rebates, into the pocket of a downtown developer. The City continues to do business with this developer despite his indictment on felony bribery charges.

Measure J generated over \$63 million in new revenue since its passage, yet the city still cannot control spending without sticking the taxpayers with another bill. During the same period, transient occupancy tax revenue rose from \$15.5 million a year to \$34 million a year. But the City still can't manage its money, and now wants even more.

Do NOT be intimidated by the fear-mongering tactics of City Hall. Measure D rewards incompetence by punishing taxpayers for the City's own poor planning and bad decision-making.

Measure D contains NO requirement whatsoever that the City spend ANY of the proposed half-percent sales tax increase on police and fire protection or essential City services. History suggests more giveaways to developers are likely.

Measure D does nothing to prevent crime. Measure D does nothing to deliver homeless solutions. Measure D does nothing to rein-in growing City pension spending. Measure D will harm small businesses.

Say NO to bad city contracting practices and crony capitalism.

Say NO to out-of-control spending.

Say NO the bully pulpit of City Hall.

Say NO to Measure D.

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