

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE

The City manufactured a fiscal crisis and called it a business model. Vote NO on Measure PP and demand honesty and accuracy instead of scare tactics.

The justification used by Pleasanton's leadership is so weak and indefensible, we wonder what's really going on.

Before believing "painful cuts await," consider how the \$13M deficit is justified. How did the City's budget surplus of \$14M last year turn into a projected annual deficit of \$13M for the next ten?

Consider:

- City leaders are using a recession scenario that hasn't come and can't be predicted
- The \$13M annual deficit drops to \$5.7M if the City counts savings from already enacted spending cuts and uses existing revenue, as intended, from the \$50M pension trust fund
- Deficit projection doesn't use existing \$56M retiree medical trust fund meant to fund these costs
- Property tax revenues have grown over the past five years at an average rate of 5.5% (not the 3.5% used to justify \$13M deficit). This translates into roughly \$9M more in revenues.

General tax increases, without spending restrictions, require a majority vote; otherwise, a 2/3 vote is required. We neither trust leadership's judgement nor believe they deserve the unconstrained authority that comes with a majority vote tax.

There's no valid justification for this sales tax increase. Vote NO and together let's achieve a fair and balanced budget.

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