

## Argument Against Measure K-18

### Why VOTE NO on Measure K-18?

**REASON 1:** Measure K-18 would have Citizens believe they're voting on whether or not to approve a "general tax." To the contrary, it appears to be a "special tax" measure that requires 2/3 voter approval for adoption.

Under California State Law, Article XIII C Sec. 1(d), a special tax is "*any tax imposed for specific purposes, including a tax imposed for specific purposes, which is placed into a general fund.*" The proposed Measure, using audits and reports, explicitly intends to serve specific purposes: "To upgrade deteriorating streets and sidewalks." Please **VOTE NO** to secure funds for these purposes and protect your right to a special tax vote.

**REASON 2:** The most current "Supplemental Sales Tax Revenue & Expense" report on the City's website when Measure K-18 was decided by City Council to appear on the ballot showed \$21.77 million collected for street upgrades, \$17.2 million in street expenses, and \$10.9 million committed-to-date. Assuming at least the same amount collected from Citizens over the next 6 years by the ½ cent sales tax adopted in 2012, future revenue (\$21.77+ million) certainly seems sufficient to finish work on planned City street & sidewalk upgrades. **CLEARLY**, by the numbers, **the proposed sales tax increase is UNNECESSARY at this time.**

**REASON 3:** Are you tired of the rising cost of your water bill? Do you oppose construction of thousands of new homes in Paso Robles, which according to Taussig & Associates adds 13,252 new residents? Do you oppose significantly more downtown traffic congestion should a now unfunded \$26 million conference center be built in the City? Or believe CalPers should be self-funding, rather than rely on taxpayers to fill the gap in underfunded City pension fund liabilities? **Then VOTE NO on Measure K-18!**

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(Note to the Paso Robles City Clerk: Please see the accompanying Proponent Signature Page regarding this Argument Against Measure K-18, "Paso Robles Limited-Term General Sales Tax Increase.")

Proponents Signature Page regarding the Argument Against Measure "Paso Robles Limited-Term General Sales Tax Increase."

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Direct/Primary Argument Against Ballot Measure "Paso Robles Limited-Term General Sales Tax Increase" at the General Election for the City of Paso Robles to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed Jim Reed Date 7/29/18  
Jim Reed, Paso Robles City Councilman

Signed John Borst Date 7/30/18  
John Borst, Resident of Paso Robles

Signed John Teixeira Date 7/30/18  
JOHN TEIXEIRA - RESIDENT OF PASO ROBLES

Signed Charles "Chip" Tamagni Date 7/27/18  
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Signed Rachel Tamagni Date 7/27/18  
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