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Argument in Favor of Measure A

Mendota is a small rural community that faces ongoing challenges attracting and keeping new businesses. This has a negative impact on the City's budget and limits the City's ability to compete with larger cities for new officers. Mendota has the lowest paid police force in Fresno County. Unfortunately, many of Mendota's officers leave the department for higher pay in other areas of Fresno County. By 2022, the California Minimum Wage will be \$15.00 per hour. This will result in additional pressure on Mendota's budget to pay its police officers an adequate salary.

Without an increase in revenues, Mendota will not be able to adequately staff the police department and runs the risk of losing the Mendota Police Department entirely, which would likely result in an increase in crime and the City being forced to contract with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. In the past year, Mendota has also experienced an increase in violent crimes associated with criminal gangs, making it more important than ever that the City have a strong, vibrant police department to help keep the citizens of Mendota safe.

Measure A asks property owners to pay a special parcel tax to ensure the viability of the Mendota Police Department. Although the additional payments would be small, Measure A would generate an additional \$1,000,000 in revenue for the Mendota Police Department.

Measure A requires that the money received from the tax may *only* be used for local law enforcement activities. Measure A would also replace existing special taxes for police protection services. This means property owners already paying special taxes for police services would get a tax cut.

Let's keep the Mendota Police Department independent, viable, and strong. Vote "YES" on Measure A.

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"The undersigned proponent(s) and/or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure A at the Special Election for the City of Mendota to be held on August 29, 2017, hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief."

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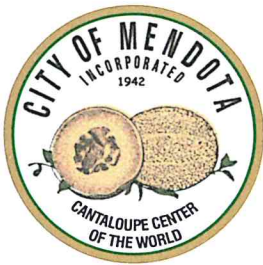
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FROM: Celeste Cabrera, Deputy City Clerk *cc*

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DATED: June 12, 2017

RE: Arguments in Favor of Measures A and B, and Impartial Arguments for Measures A and B and CD.

Enclosed please find: Arguments in Favor of Measures A and B, and Impartial Arguments for Measures A and B (total of 10 pages including this cover memo and a CD).

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