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Argument in Favor of Measure B

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 limited 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 \$15.000 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 B asks the City's voters to approve an increase in the City's Sales and Use Tax by 1.0%, which would raise an additional \$500,000 annually for the Mendota Police Department.

Measure B requires that the money received from the tax increase may *only* be used for local law enforcement activities.

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

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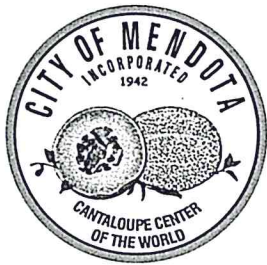
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DATED: June 12, 2017

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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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