ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-22

Your "YES" vote on Measure D-22 will provide important funding to meet local needs. The City has maintained its current level of service by increasing the efficiency of its operations; however, it cannot keep up with rapidly increasing public improvement costs and new State mandates, and the City has reached a point where existing revenues cannot fund important projects. If passed, Measure D-22 will generate approximately \$5 million in additional annual revenue to ensure ongoing services and public improvements to benefit City residents, businesses, and visitors.

Of the current 7.75% sales tax rate, our City receives only 1%. Your "YES" vote will raise the current rate to allow the City to receive 2% and thus provide for the community's increasingly underfunded capital improvement and public facility maintenance needs, including:

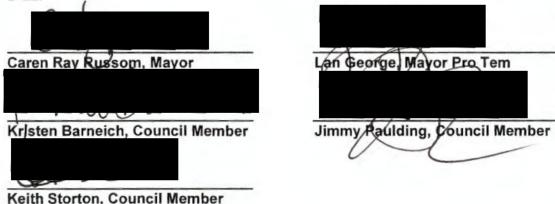
- Street Repairs;
- Concrete (Sidewalk) Repairs;
- Potholes;
- Stormwater and Drainage Maintenance;

And other needed City programs and facilities.

Your "YES" vote will result in safer streets and sidewalks, and more rehabilitation of aging storm drains. Everyone who utilizes our infrastructure and services should contribute to these needs, including those who live outside of the City. Your "YES" vote provides the most fair and economical way to ensure this happens.

Your City government will be held accountable. Citizens will receive an annual report on the tax revenue received and how it is spent. The City Council will conduct a public hearing every five years to evaluate the success and effectiveness of the tax.

Measure D-22 is important to meet current and future needs, maintain City infrastructure, and preserve quality of life for our community. Your City Council urges you to vote "YES" on Measure D-22.



STATEMENT BY AUTHORS OF PRIMARY ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D-22

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot measure D-22 at the General Municipal Election, to be consolidated with the Statewide Primary Election, for the City of Arroyo Grande to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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