

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

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Businesses, educators, public safety leaders and longtime residents support Measure Q because it's the most fiscally responsible way to keep Ontario safe and strong for all residents.

Nearly all sales tax revenue generated locally goes to the State or County. Every penny of Measure Q stays right here in Ontario to maintain local essential services for residents and businesses. The State and San Bernardino County cannot access Measure Q funds.

Measure Q addresses public safety. With crime increasing across our region, now is not the time to cut public safety services. Measure Q ensures we can address homelessness, and have the police, firefighters, paramedics and resources to respond to 911 emergencies and keep our community safe.

Measure Q will maintain and improve funding for youth educational, literacy and tutoring programs and afterschool and summer sports leagues. Thousands of Ontario children and youth rely on these programs that keep our community's kids safe, off the streets and out of trouble.

Measure Q is a modest 1% increase to our current rate, and ensures visitors pay their fair share to help fund essential services and maintain the roads they drive on.

Essential items such as groceries and prescription medicine are exempt from Measure Q, limiting the burden on those with fixed or limited incomes.

Measure Q includes strict taxpayer accountability provisions to ensure all funds are properly spent – and benefit Ontario residents.

As Ontario neighbors – we hold ourselves accountable to our community.

Join us – Vote Yes on Q for a Safe and Strong Ontario!

s/ Wendell Bugtai, Resident

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s/ Patricia A. Zick, Resident

s/ Jimmy Elrod, Representative for Southwest Carpenters