

“There they go again.” President Ronald Reagan was commenting on forecasts of disaster if he was reelected.

We are seeing the same kind of scare tactic in the City’s ballot argument -- cutbacks in police and fire protection; no more money to fix potholes; losing many community programs.

Don’t they understand that public safety and infrastructure are their primary responsibilities! Everything else has to fit within available resources – without taxing us any more.

Furthermore, every program should be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure that it meets its objectives and is the best use of our taxes.

Nowhere -- in the text of Measure P or in the past three years of City Council minutes -- do we see efforts to reduce spending or to examine whether programs are successful.

The first Measure P meant a return to business as usual. The City never intended that the tax be used to make city government more efficient and less costly, and to do it within five years.

The only way to get their attention is to say NO. No, we will not extend the tax!

That leaves a year for the City Council to convince us that it’s serious about using our tax dollars efficiently, for the most important purposes.

Let’s demand that the City do better.

Vote NO on Measure P.

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/s/ Vern F. Van Buskirk

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*Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure P  
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