

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R**

The Suisun City budget has a structural deficit of \$2.5M which is covered by Measures S funds. The Suisun City Council has agreed to make significant cuts to ensure the fiscal sustainability of our City and ensure our ability to remain independent. These cuts occur across all departments, some are minor and some are major. The approximately \$20,000 in direct savings to the City consists of monthly cash payments, payroll taxes and health insurance.

The currently elected City Clerk has been absent from meetings approximately 6 months a year to appropriately enjoy the benefits of retirement. This leaves over 70% of the duties required by the City Clerk to be performed by the Deputy City Clerk, a paid City employee.

The City Clerk has more duties than listed in the argument against Measure R. Although, the duties per the Government Code are clear and critical, there is no requirement to actually perform those duties them self and can without consequence shift those responsibilities to a paid staff member as has happened frequently in the past.

The leaders in the community, whether elected, appointed, or employees of City Hall, care deeply about the community and its progress. There is not distinction between the three.

Please vote "Yes" on Measure R to ensure that we will have a qualified professional with the right skills and experiences necessary to properly do the job.

/s/ Lori D. Wilson  
Mayor