[Car Tax Ballot Argument Against – 293 words (300 word max)]

Argument Against Measure T

Remember the car tax? Well they're at it again wanting to pass a new car tax - only this time on rental cars. We urge you to look carefully at this new car tax and consider how it will affect our county:

Hurts Our Economy

Tourism, hospitality and entertainment are critical components of the Bay Area economy – providing 67,000 jobs and more than \$8 billion dellass. This new car tax on rental cars will hit those industries hard and hurt the economy of San Mateo County and the entire Bay Area.

Do We Need A New Tax in Tough Times?

We're still stuck in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, gas prices are reaching all-time highs, and local families are struggling to make ends meet. Now is not the time to pass new tax measures.

An Eternal Tax Hike

There is no end date on this new tax – it goes on forever – without any mandatory evaluation of its impact on the economy or of how the money is being spent.

<u>Politicians Can Spend It Any Way They Want - No Money is Guaranteed for Police, Fire or Schools</u>

When considering this new car tax, it's important to look at the fine print. Supporters say it will help the county to support essential services, but the money will go into the general fund to be spent in any way these politicians desire. There is no requirement that this money be spent on essential services like police, fire or schools. The money raised by this new car tax has no limits on the way it can be spent.

Arbitrary Levies

This law also requires our local businesses to pay this car tax as often as the County Tax Collector likes. This is the wrong tax for San Mateo County.

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