Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure M

Proponents describe the “fee” increase as “nominal”.

Have you noticed how fee and tax increases are often termed “nominal”? Even when it's a **$6.4 MILLION** hit on county residents?

Maybe we're a bit old-fashioned, but to us, that's not “nominal”.

In this terrible economy, with high unemployment and falling family incomes, we'd like to suggest an alternative: a “nominal” **DECREASE** in fees and taxes. Where's the ballot measure for that?

Until it appears, reordering “City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County” budget priorities seems appropriate. Let's have fewer “administration services”, fewer “professional services”, fewer “consulting services”, fewer “professional dues and memberships”, fewer “conferences and meetings”, and more “filling potholes”.

That is what voters want, and no “fee” increase is necessary.

The economy is in trouble. People are hurting. Unemployment is high. Incomes are down. This government agency must tighten its belt and make do with less – just like the rest of us.

*Tax and fee increases are simply not possible.*

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE M.**

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