

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

Measure G is a property tax increase. Vote NO!

Last year the State raised income taxes, sales taxes, and car taxes - the biggest tax increase in California history. Wasn't that enough for State community colleges? Now they want to raise property taxes too? Vote NO!

Community colleges can charge students tuition. That's fair, since many students attending college in San Mateo County are not residents here. They come from other parts of California, other states, even other countries. Nearly half are over 25.

Community colleges already receive a share of our property taxes - about \$80 million a year! Besides that, in recent years local voters twice approved expensive bond measures for this district, to be repaid through higher property taxes.

We pay enough to subsidize the education of adults, many of whom don't live here, and don't pay the tax themselves. Ironically, however, only 38% goes to instructional activities. Most goes to salaries, some over \$200,000/year. This new tax would be available to raise salaries even higher.

Senior citizens beware! Measure G claims that seniors are exempt. They hope you'll vote to increase taxes on your neighbors if you don't have to pay. But legal experts believe the exemption is unlawful. If a court agrees, you'll pay too.

Now is not the time for more taxes. Thousands of employees are laid off or furloughed. Self-employed business owners have less work, or have closed altogether. Yet their property taxes are still due. Everyone who can't afford all these taxes will lose their homes.

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association have reviewed this measure and recommend a NO vote.

California is the most overtaxed state in America. When do we get to keep some money to support our own families? Vote NO! For more information, visit <http://nosmccdtax.com>.

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