

Argument Against Measure Establishing a 3/4 cent sales tax.

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Every time you shop at Costco, Home Depot, Office Depot, Ross, Petsmart, grocery stores, restaurants, 99Cent, and automobile dealers, you **ALREADY PAY** a "sales tax" of at least 9.5%, a part of which is returned to the CITY by the State Treasurer.

The City is asking YOU to PAY MORE. Why?

The Signal Hill City Council **ALREADY** promoted and increased your Property Tax Bill with new bond debt, assessments and user fees on sewers, storm drains, cell phones, TV, and outrageously high User Fees for the new Library's Community Rooms.

Your City Council has mismanaged the City finances for DECADES.

As far back as 1995, your Council:

GAVE Millions of Dollars of City funds to profitable real estate developers and restaurants instead of building "sales tax generating" businesses that pay for police, 911, parks, and city services;

GAVE Millions of Dollars to Nissan car dealer, who skipped town and is being sued by the City;

BORROWED Millions of Dollars to build a massive "Taj Mahal" Library used only by a few City residents;

CONTRACTED to REBATE 70% of the City's sales tax INCOME from OFFICE DEPOT back to OFFICE DEPOT, who promptly terminated Signal Hill employees!

The Council wastes money, year after year, and will do it again.

YEARS AGO.... the LOS ANGELES COUNTY "CIVIL GRAND JURY" told Signal Hill to GET AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF YOUR FINANCES!!

YOUR CITY COUNCIL REFUSED TO GET AN OUTSIDE AUDIT!

A City Council that REFUSES to have a financial expert review their finances does NOT deserve your TRUST OR VOTE to increase taxes.

HIGHER TAXES ARE EXACTLY WHAT WE DO NOT NEED NOW because people living and shopping in this city are losing jobs, cannot pay rent or afford groceries!

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