Argument Against Measure K

The Parks and open space district was established in 1992 and has been successfully operating with major funding provided through the county. Increased funding to support a new bureaucracy has been requested and rejected by the voters on three past occasions. By this measure the district officials are again requesting a ten fold budget increase that they would be in charge of administering and spending.

There are multiple reasons why the voters should continue to limit the funding of this district. They include;

(1) It is noted that the district has and will continue to function effectively in promoting specific park projects, increasing protected open space and purchasing targeted open space projects without this added new tax burden.

(2) A major portion of the district budget has been derived from the transient hotel tax (TOT) which is collected by and provided through your elected county supervisors.

(3) California sales taxes already are the highest in the nation. They are a regressive form of taxes which disproportionally affect low income and underemployed residents.

(4) Protecting and restoring water resources and open spaces has already been adequately addressed by the county's land use and conservation regulations.

(5) Creating an added and expensive bureaucratic organization within the county is not required.

It is time again for voters to tell the district officials and county supervisors by their NO vote on Measure K they actually do mean NO.

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