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TO: Chairman George F. Bailey
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FROM: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: **Rebuttal Arguments in Opposition to Board's Positions on Propositions A, B & C**

The following rebuttal arguments in opposition to the Board's positions were filed with, and provided to us by, the Registrar of Voters:

- Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Proposition A;
- Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Proposition B; and,
- Rebuttal to Argument Against Proposition C.

Copies of these arguments are attached.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Pastuszka

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Attachment

cc: David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer
Lari Sheehan, Principal Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Lloyd M. Harmon, Jr., County Counsel
Rich Robinson, Director, Office of Special Projects
Board Chiefs-of-Staff

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REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION A

You always lock the doors to your home and car because elected officials in San Diego County spend your tax dollars on bureaucratic growth, not law enforcement.

ITEM: County supervisors increased bureaucratic salaries and benefit expense from $659 million to $732 million in the last fiscal year. That $73 million increase included only 5 new sworn deputies for the unincorporated areas of the county.

ITEM: "Estimated" costs for the proposed courthouse run as high as $600 million. The One America Plaza Tower (deluxe office tower), the Koll Center (deluxe office tower) and the Emerald Shapery Center (deluxe office tower & hotel) together cost about $325 million. That is $275 million less than the estimated courthouse cost. Does this seem reasonable?

ITEM: Many cities, despite having larger municipal budgets have not increased the number of sworn law enforcement officers. Some cities have actually cut police staffing. Shouldn't budget priorities be changed before increasing taxes?

ITEM: There is funding in the current county budget for a communications facility. Shouldn't this facility be put on-line before a new "communications complex" (estimated cost $50 million) is built?

ITEM: The estimated cost for the East Mesa Phase II jail is $50 million. This could be funded from current revenues, if the Supervisors set appropriate priorities.

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION A

Tell elected officials you want more cops, courts and jails, not more taxes.

IRBY R. McMICHAEL
President, San Diego County
Taxpayers Association

DIANNE JACOB
Board Member, San Diego County
Taxpayers Association

DICK RIDER
Chairman Emeritus
San Diego Libertarian Party

MARVIN SIMKIN
Chair
San Diego Libertarian Party

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION B

- Do you think that action by the Board of Supervisors will be able to tell the Federal Government "No" to air standards?
- Do you want to lose your ability to regulate local government through the initiative process?
- Do you want to lose your ability to regulate spending by the Board of Supervisors?
- Do you want to waste your precious tax dollars on an issue that some board members have already said is illegal?

This initiative, sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, seeks to remove your control and input into local government. The Board of Supervisors can't even understand their own budget, and now they want you to do their job if you feel an items is important. This is an important measure for the Board of Supervisors so they can maintain control of their pet projects.

Don't give up you rights as a voter and citizen! VOTE NO ON PROP B!

RANDALL DIBB
President, Deputy Sheriffs' Association
of San Diego County

PAMELA C. SLATER
City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

OVER 108,000 SAN DIEGANS SIGNED THIS INITIATIVE TELLING THE POLITICIANS: "OUR SAFETY ~~MUST COME~~ COMES FIRST"

FROM A $1.9 BILLION BUDGET WITH 50% WELFARE FRAUD, WHY CAN'T WE HIRE ENOUGH DEPUTIES TO PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR OPEN OUR JAILS?

The two politicians who signed the argument against Proposition C won't explain why the Grand Jury documented over $70 MILLION in welfare fraud last year. We estimate the first year S.A.F.E. County Minimum Staffing Measure ~~will only~~ cost will be just over $7 million. Who says the County cannot afford minimum ~~levels of~~ public protection?

WHO DO YOU TRUST MORE:

- **THE PEACE OFFICERS RISKING THEIR LIVES EACH DAY TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, or**
- **THE POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS OPPOSING THIS MEASURE?**

Is law enforcement really a County priority? Court documents show San Diego is ranked 56th out of 58 counties in per capita spending for law enforcement. Most spending increases go for the care and feeding of inmates, not for catching neighborhood crooks.

IF LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS TRULY A PRIORITY, WOULD THIS INITIATIVE HAVE BEEN NECESSARY?

When government does not work, the citizens must take charge. The Minimum Staffing Measure forces the Board of Supervisors to control crime; putting peace officers to work protecting you! Urgent calls will be answered, burglars caught, and car thieves brought to justice. Our jails will become operational. The 150 unsolved homicides will be properly investigated.

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT VOTE IN 1992!!
THIS VOTE MAKES YOUR SAFETY THE FIRST PRIORITY

FOR A S.A.F.E. COUNTY, VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION C!

GAIL HANO
Council Member

PAMELA C. SLATER
City Council Member

DIANNE JACOB
Member, Jamul-Dulzura School Board

RANDALL DIBB
President, Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County

THOMAS W. REESE
Member Of California Senior Legislature

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