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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

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Please vote "YES" on Measure Q, the City of Parlier "No New Taxes" initiative.

Measure Q does not impose or increase any tax. It simply extends the life of an existing parcel tax approved by more than two-thirds of the voters in 2016. The special parcel tax is exclusively dedicated to funding the Parlier Police Department. That funding has greatly enhanced safety and reduced crime throughout the City.

The Ordinance enacted by passage of the 2016 Measure establishing the parcel tax includes a sunset or expiration provision so that the parcel tax will end on June 30, 2022.

The City would have very limited funding available to finance its police department in the absence of the parcel tax, the Parlier City Council has voted unanimously to ask the voters to eliminate the sunset or expiration provision in the ordinance adopted by the 2016 Measure so that the parcel tax which provides funding for what is now a state of the art police department remains in place.

Measure Q would result in the maintenance of police protection services at its current level. If Measure Q fails, the City would be forced to drastically reduce the number of officers at its police department, eliminating the advances made in reduction of crime and enhancement of public safety for the citizens and inhabitants of Parlier. That is not the future the City Council wants for Parlier.

Every resident of the City of Parlier can see that enactment of the parcel tax has resulted in a very beneficial enhancement of the overall environment of the community of Parlier by providing a consistent police presence throughout the City.

Please protect the public safety services we all count on, Vote YES on Measure Q.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned author of the Argument in Favor of ballot Measure Q on the June 8, 2021, special municipal election of the City of Parlier hereby states that this Argument is true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Date: April 1, 2021

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Alma Beltran, Mayor of the City of Parlier