

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE U

The actions of the '17-'18 Oroville City Council led the Grand Jury to name their report, "Oroville : A City In Turmoil." Some language from the report: "unusually high level of dysfunction...disarray and confusion... distrust...accusations of collusion and unethical or illegal behavior were leveled against each other..." should make it very difficult for our city government to persuade voters to willingly impose higher taxes upon themselves.

ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL '17

10/3/17: Council approved by a vote of 6 to 1, authorization of a full year's funding for themselves to attend conferences. Prior to that vote, funding for some conferences had been denied. That decision, to approve taxpayers dollars for their own trips, came after city employees agreed to accept a 10% pay-cut to help balance the budget.

12/19/17: Jamboree Housing Project was on the agenda. Concerned citizens spoke against more Low Income Housing. City Council assured the concerned citizens that the Jamboree Housing Project would reserve 44% of it's units for tenants of "above moderate income." Jamboree Housing's unit mix states "100% of units are set aside for Low Income households or below, no units are restricted to households at moderate income or above."

ACTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL '18

2/20/18: Congressman Doug LaMalfa warned Oroville City Council that violation of federal law (cannabis) could jeopardize funding for 9 programs and projects. Five decided to violate federal law.

7/10/18: Ignoring the advice of the highly compensated city attorney, the same five voted, illegally, to censure the mayor. Later, they decided to repeal their mistake, and censure the mayor legally.

DECISION

California requires voter approval for raising existing taxes or imposing new taxes. Ask yourself, "Should I trust these people with more of my dollars?"

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