

Argument in Favor of Measure E

For ten years, San Jose has faced massive deficits, cut millions from the city budget and laid off hundreds of city workers – firefighters, police officers, parks workers, librarians, and street repair crews. Political fights have been waged to cut current and future city pensions. The State has cut millions from city budgets and eliminated Redevelopment funds which San Jose relied upon heavily. Unless we generate new revenue, more cuts will be made.

A Yes vote on Measure E will result in San Jose’s two cardrooms paying over \$20 million annually in tax revenue to San Jose. That’s tax revenue only for San Jose – the State can’t touch a dime of it – meaning new tax revenue to prevent future cuts and restore vital services. You and your family won’t pay these taxes.

Measure E allows for a modest increase in card tables at each club – 15 for each in 2013 and again in 2014. Any future increases must have voter approval. And if the state permits new types of gaming, Measure E limits games allowed to only those approved by the State.

San Jose does an outstanding job of regulating cardrooms. San Jose is recognized as having the toughest cardroom regulations in California. San Jose cardrooms pay nearly \$2 million annually in additional fees covering all costs of regulation and police oversight. San Jose is the only California community with its own Division of Gaming Control overseeing cardrooms. And, San Jose requires the cardrooms to fund a non-profit organization which provides a successful “problem gambling” program.

San Jose cardrooms generate \$100 million annually in economic activity and provide 1200 jobs. A Yes vote on Measure E will increase cardroom taxes to \$20 million annually, create 200 new jobs and help prevent more budget cuts while restoring some city services. Please join us in voting Yes on Measure E. www.MoreTaxesFromCardrooms.com

San Jose - Yes on Measure E

Ballot Signers:

1. Fred Abram
Assistant San Jose Chief of Police – retired
2. Pete Constant
San Jose City Councilmember
3. Nancy Pyle
San Jose City Councilmember
4. Enrique Fernandez
Vice-President, San Jose Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union (UNITE HERE Local 19)
5. Randy Okamura
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