

## **Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure B**

City politicians distorted San Jose's budget and pension issues and now they've put a pension measure on the ballot that their own attorneys have declared "risky". Measure B won't open a single library, hire a single cop or pave a single street. San Jose can do better, Vote No on Measure B.

City employees don't receive Social Security and the average federated pension is \$37,885; employees rely on their pension for retirement security. How would you feel if Congress slashed your Social Security? It's just not right.

Recently, city employees took pay cuts of 10% to 18%. They contribute up to 17% of pay toward retirement and Measure B could boost that to 33%. When combined, about half an employee's paycheck evaporates before paying for taxes, groceries, rent, mortgage or gas. That's not fair and that's not what was promised.

City politicians tried to declare a "fiscal emergency" even though there's now a budget surplus and made up pension projections that were inflated by hundreds of millions over actual costs. Politicians continue to recklessly spend on fixing roads near a proposed sports stadium and on supporting the Downtown Association.

The California State Auditor has been ordered to get to the bottom of San Jose's fiscal shenanigans in an attempt to bring sanity to local budgeting.

Tell the City to negotiate legal pension reform -  
**Vote No on B!**

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