

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G

The city of Mountain View plans on using revenue from this measure to fund many projects, not just one, two or even three. In some cases, revenue from this measure will be paired with funds from other sources such as lease revenue from city-owned property, grants, or state and federal funds. About half of the public safety building can likely be funded with existing lease revenue from a city-owned parcel.

A public safety building must be seismically sound since it is the center of operations for fire and police in emergencies. It is not possible to retrofit the existing building.

The city is prioritizing parks, trails and green spaces and has numerous projects in process in these areas in order to enhance the quality of life for residents. Property has recently been purchased in a couple of neighborhoods for parks, and the city is actively pursuing more in several neighborhoods. Plans are in process to return some land to a more natural state and increase tree canopy coverage throughout the city. An upcoming active transportation plan includes greening of bike and pedestrian routes. Homelessness prevention, subsidized housing, climate change mitigation, and local business support remain key priorities for investment.

A property transfer tax occurs once at the time of a transaction, is not recurring, and is typically split evenly between the buyer and seller.

Without this revenue the city may potentially need to cut back on existing services and delay or forgo investments in new areas.

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