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### **ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C**

#### **DO NOT PAY 10.25% SALES TAX!**

VOTE NO on the 0.75% sales TAX that will INCREASE the RATE to 10.25%

Cerritos Council says they have approved balanced budgets for the past three years. The 2017-2018 budget had a \$618,452 surplus; in 2018-2019 it had a \$1,400,000 surplus; and in 2019-2020 it was approved without any cuts. The Council said everything is fully funded. Now they are surprising residents by trying to grab \$11.4 million annually, to spend as they wish.

Our City Council should make CUTS before trying to get millions of dollars more to spend as they wish.

-A **NO VOTE** sends a message to our City Council to live within its means.

-A **NO VOTE** sends a message to our City Council to STOP losses at the Cerritos Center for Performing Arts. Over the past 10 years CCPA has lost over \$26,600,000 and almost \$80,000,000 since opening in 1993.

-A **NO VOTE** sends a message to our City Council to START making cuts to unnecessary spending and their benefits.

-A **NO VOTE** sends a message to our City Council to stop sitting on unused property; that should be generating revenue for the city.

If this TAX is approved, Cerritos residents could end up paying 11% SALES TAX.

CA Senate Bill-732 will allow the South Coast Air Quality Management District, to add another 0.75% sales TAX on the November 2020 ballot. It's possible that the AQMD will ask for an exemption to go above the 10.25% TAX limit, which would increase Cerritos TAX to 11% if approved by voters. Is an exemption possible? YES, in 2017 CA Senate Bill-703 gave an exemption to Alameda County, Santa Clara County, and Santa Fe Springs. Santa Fe Springs' sales TAX is 10.50% because of the exemption. Are we next?

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