

City of San Jose

## Argument In Favor Of Measure T

### MEASURE T

Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond -A ballot measure proposal calling for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the acquisition, construction and completion of certain municipal improvements.

Signature Order:

1. Sam Liccardo, Mayor, City of San Jose
2. Mary Collins, President, League of Women Voters
3. Ruben Torres, Former Fire Chief, City of San Jose
4. Chuck Reed, Former Mayor, City of San Jose
5. Dung (June) Tran, Business Owner

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Measure T will rebuild San Jose's vital infrastructure to **make us safer**.

How will Measure T make San Jose safer? Decades of underinvestment in deteriorating streets, bridges, and critical public safety facilities undermine our daily emergency response, and make us more vulnerable to inevitable earthquakes and floods. According to San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia, "We're successfully adding more police officers and firefighters, but we must **upgrade our 911 communications facilities to improve fire, police, and paramedic response to emergencies**, rebuild police training facilities and crumbling fire stations, and **upgrade our emergency operations center to better coordinate our response**."

In addition to these improvements, Measure T prepares us for floods, earthquakes, and other disasters by:

- **replacing deteriorating, earthquake-vulnerable bridges;**
- **restoring safe locations for emergency food and shelter for displaced families;**
- **rebuilding parts of our aging, 70-year-old storm sewer system**, including 32,000 storm drains and 1,100 miles of pipeline that need upgrades **to prevent flooding our neighborhoods, and avoid polluting our creeks and Bay;**
- reducing flooding by permanently preserving natural open space that absorbs water during heavy rains, and protects groundwater supplies from contamination, and reduces our vulnerability to wildfires.

Finally, Measure T makes our daily driving safer, **by fixing potholes** and repaving our deteriorating roads that cause accidents. By investing today in **repairing those neighborhood streets in the worst condition citywide**, Measure T will also save

taxpayers from the effect of neglecting maintenance on ballooning road repair costs, and from the \$700 in auto repairs and gas that bad roads cost drivers annually.

Measure T will be subject to independent audits, citizens' oversight, and full public review of all spending to ensure that every dollar is spent making San Jose safer. **A unanimous San Jose City Council and community leaders citywide to urge you to vote "Yes" on Measure T.**

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