

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION H

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Prop H is a TAX INCREASE

Prop H will impose NEW TAXES on services used by Chula Vista residents and businesses. If you use a cellphone, pager, or make toll free or international telephone calls, you will likely end up paying more in taxes.

Worst possible time to raise taxes

With an ailing local economy, heartbreaking foreclosures in both East and West Chula Vista, and businesses struggling just to keep their doors open, the last thing we need is another tax increase.

New taxes could easily end up paying for pensions and salary increases, not services

Not one dime of this tax is set aside for essential services like public safety, streets, parks, or libraries. This tax could pay for public employee salary and pension benefit increases – or anything else the politicians desire.

Reform before revenue

Voters have already told the City Council to reduce spending before raising taxes. Over the last 10 years, Chula Vista pension costs have increased 190%. Yet City employees pay NOTHING toward their own retirement accounts. What a deal! Other cities across San Diego County are reforming their pension systems and saving countless millions, but not Chula Vista. The City should reform their absurdly generous pension benefits and scrutinize expensive overtime before asking taxpayers for more money.

Don't reward fiscal irresponsibility

Chula Vista has repeatedly failed to demonstrate fiscal responsibility to voters – continually asking for tax increases to fix its problems. The City foolishly spent \$255,000 on a special election last year, wasting precious taxpayer dollars only to have voters overwhelmingly reject the 1% sales tax increase.

The City needs to reduce labor costs, streamline operations, and demonstrate fiscal discipline before asking taxpayers to cough up more in taxes.

Vote NO on Proposition H.

Visit www.chulavistataxpayers.org and www.sdcta.org for more information.

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