[Hotel Tax Ballot Argument Against - 297 words (300 word max)]

Argument Against Measure \(\mathcal{J} \)

Politicians Dreamed Up This Tax Scheme Behind Closed Doors

This massive tax hike measure was put on the ballot at the last minute by politicians and bureaucrats, not by the people of San Mateo County.

Nothing Guaranteed for Police, Fire or Schools

There is nothing in this tax scheme to force the politicians use the money for essential services like police, fire and schools that deserve funding. If we're going to raise taxes, we need controls to ensure the money is spent on what matters most – education, public safety, and job creation.

Politicians Free to Waste our Tax Dollars

This initiative has no guidelines whatsoever to prevent politicians from wasting the money raised by this massive tax hike. It can be spent on anything – including cars, perks, salaries and pensions for politicians.

An Eternal Tax Hike

There is no end date on this new tax – it goes on forever – without any requirement to evaluate the harm it's causing to our jobs and economy, or to see if the money is being wasted.

Fewer Jobs and More Pain for Our Small Businesses

This massive increase in our hotel tax will cause tourism losses. Tourism generates \$8.3 billion for our region and supports 67,000 local jobs – it is one of our most critical economic engines. A massive 20% increase in our hotel tax means fewer jobs and more problems for small businesses already facing tough times.

San Mateo County Can't Afford this Huge Tax Hike Right Now

San Mateo County already imposes some of the highest taxes in all of California and the entire nation. We're still emerging from a severe economic crisis, gas prices are high, small businesses are suffering, and too many families are struggling to make ends meet. The last thing we need right now is a 20% tax increase.

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