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Argument Against Measure X

In 2008, voters rejected proposed San Mateo County taxes on parking and auto rentals. Now, these same measures, plus a hotel tax, are back. Together, they represent a <u>\$13</u> million a year tax increase!

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When those earlier tax measures failed in 2008, the economy was bad. Record mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures. Soaring food and energy (especially gas) prices. Increased unemployment. But these days, people are *really* hurting, with *even higher* food and gas prices. Long-term unemployment is the worst since the Great Depression, and people are still losing their homes.

New taxes make even less sense now than they did in 2008!

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Voters know very well who will suffer if these taxes are imposed. We'll pay more for airport parking, hotel rooms and rental cars, if these taxes pass. Even restaurant valet and paid hotel parking will be taxed.

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Worse yet, workers in these affected businesses will face reduced job security as their employers scramble to cut costs to pay the county. These taxes hit those businesses and workers hardest of all. Taxes like these that target just a few selected services are outrageously unfair to those workers.

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How does San Mateo County plan to use these new tax revenues? They are general taxes and the county can spend them *however it likes*.

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Measure X will increase the already high cost of living here. It will hurt workers and damage our travel industry. We just can't afford to give San Mateo County a blank check in these hard times! Please,

Vote NO on Measure X!

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Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

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