

Rebuttal to Argument In Opposition to Measure ____

Opponents of Measure __ sound like Chicken Little, having you believe the sky will fall in Huntington Beach if Measure __ passes.

“When your house is being burglarized, is on fire, or you’re having a heart attack you want fast response. This measure will increase response time of our police and fire departments,” they say.

What do response times have to do with retirement benefits?

Are the opponents of Measure __ saying public safety employees won’t do their sworn duty if they contribute an appropriate share to their own retirement?

Huntington Beach deserves better than scare tactics and threats from elected officials.

Measure __ is about fairness and City Hall employees paying their fair share.

Newport Beach isn’t a dangerous gangland. Firemen and Police Officers are protecting Seal Beach and Fountain Valley every day. Yet these cities have no extra tax on their homes.

No other Orange County city forces a second property tax to subsidize the retirements of City Hall workers. Huntington Beach is the only one.

We are not surprised that the same elected officials who did the union’s bidding and granted these outlandish benefits are now thumbing their nose at the taxpayer.

We don’t need to cut our budget – we need City Hall employees to pay their fair share like they do in other cities.

The sky isn’t falling. Huntington Beach is and will continue to be safe.

It is time City Hall employees pay their fair share. It is time to get rid of Huntington Beach’s extra property tax, Vote Yes on Measure __.

s/Don Hansen, Mayor – City of Huntington Beach

s/Reed Royalty, President Emeritus – Orange County Taxpayers Association

s/Allan Mansoor, Former Orange County Deputy Sheriff and California State Assemblyman