

## Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure A

Giving a **new bureaucracy** of **unaccountable** Commissioners **unprecedented power** is a bad response to a nonexistent problem.

**Private sector experts already participate.** Since 2017 a Finance Committee with community representatives with the qualifications touted by proponents has existed.

The Town's **fiscal house is in great order.** Through elected Councilmembers, fulltime professional staff, a Finance Committee, and valuable “nonexpert” citizens’ input, the Town—

--maintains a **“Triple A” credit rating;**

--consistently adopts **balanced budgets;**

--thoughtfully **addresses unfunded pension liabilities;**

--uses practices best described as **conservative;** and

--**balances competing policy interests** in determining how our tax dollars are spent.

Expenditures **didn't rise 72%** over the years as cherry-picked by the Yes-side—who identified **not a single misspent cent.** Why? **Oversight already exists.**

This is a **power grab by a privileged few at the expense of the rest of us, Town residents.** The unremovable Commissioners can commandeer Town staff, force changes to the elected Council’s plans, and delay critical finance functions—including certain spending for essential government services. Elevating the “private sector expertise” perspective over all others is unwarranted.

In 2018, four of the five signers of the yes argument unsuccessfully urged defeat of a modest sales tax increase that, in our opinion, proved instrumental to the Town’s COVID-19 response. **“Private sector expertise” isn’t perfect.**

Come 2021, the undersigned won’t be involved in Town government. With no personal stake, we studied Measure A, know its history, and strongly believe **it will needlessly disrupt excellent Town government.**

Please **VOTE NO.**

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Of the ballot Measure \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ at the General/Special Municipal Election for the Town of Los Gatos to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ November 3, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of (his/her/their) knowledge and belief.

Print Name: Marcia Jensen Residential Address: [REDACTED] Gatos, CA 95032 Signature: [REDACTED] Date: August 11, 2020 Male    Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Title to Appear on Argument: Member, Town Council 2012-2020; Mayor 2014-15, 2019-20 <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Town Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter <input type="checkbox"/> Bona Fide Association of Citizens 1 Order of Name to Appear in Voter Guide
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