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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE P

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Vote YES on P to PROTECT FAIRFIELD WITHOUT RAISING TAXES!

YES on P preserves LOCAL funding for LOCAL needs in Fairfield – NO funds can be taken by Sacramento!

YES on P RENEWS expiring local funding for POLICE, FIRE and RAPID 9-1-1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

In 2012 nearly 70% of Fairfield voters approved local funding to prevent devastating cuts to police patrols, fire protection, fast emergency response, pothole and street repair, programs for youth, seniors and more.

Over the past four years these funds have been used to protect vital city services from cuts. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits have confirmed that funds were used as promised.

Unless Measure P is approved by local voters, this funding is set to expire and Fairfield will lose \$16 million annually or 20% of Fairfield's general fund budget. This would require deep cuts including the loss of 30-40 police positions, closing a fire station, reduced street maintenance and repair and closure of city facilities including youth and recreation centers.

Voting YES on P will renew locally-controlled funding without increasing taxes to:

- Maintain rapid 9-1-1 police, fire and emergency medical response times
- Preserve neighborhood police patrols and special enforcement units such as investigations, drug enforcement, crime prevention, and homeless intervention
- Keep all five of Fairfield's existing fire stations open
- Fix potholes and repair streets
- Reduce homelessness
- Prevent cuts to afterschool programs for children and senior daycare programs and support services for older residents with dementia

Measure P requires an INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE and MANDATORY ANNUAL AUDITS to ensure funds continue to be spent properly. BY LAW, NO MEASURE P FUNDS CAN BE TAKEN BY THE STATE.

Join Fairfield's business and community leaders, police officers and firefighters in voting YES on P to PROTECT FAIRFIELD WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES!