

## Measure A would give East Palo Alto a needed boost in funding

**EVEN THE MOST** casual observer of East Palo Alto city affairs must be aware of the severity of our financial situation. Measure A on the June 20 ballot provides badly needed funds to provide more services to East Palo Alto.

A yes vote on Measure A means needed funding will be put toward youth recreation. A yes vote on Measure A means we get our potholes filled. A united effort to put crack dealers out of business on our streets means tenants and homeowners must vote yes on Measure A.

Passing Measure A will tide us over for five years until current development proposals on the mayor's desk are set up, implemented and become a part of East Palo Alto's new and expanding

tax base.

While the proponents of Measure B claim that virtual elimination of East Palo Alto's rent ordinance also will benefit the city, this measure is appearing on the ballot as a tag-along issue.

When certain members of East Palo Alto's City Council insisted on having this measure put before the voters, political favors were being dished out to absentee landlords and past campaign contributors.

Homeowners should keep in mind that passing Measure B means your own children may never be able to afford to rent an apartment in the same community they were reared. Tenants who don't want to return to the days of

rent-gouging will think twice about supporting Measure B. A no vote on Measure B assures low and moderate income working people and seniors an affordable place to live.

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