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Dear Registered Voter:

Many queries have been made concerning whether to vote yes or no on Measure A. I am compelled to respond to you. Our City counsel still maintains that the initiative is unconstitutional; I, therefore, as Mayor of this City, oppose the initiative on that ground and urge all to vote NO on Measure A.

You and I have been led to believe that those people opposing the rent control ordinance were publicly spirited, civic-minded citizens doing what they could in the best interest of the community. Hogwash, I say! The latest financial disclosure report* filed this week by the "YES ON MEASURE A" Committee tells the story as it really is. It lets all of us know just where the sympathies of these 'hired guns' lie.

Yes, that's correct, the "YES ON MEASURE A" Committee paid people living in this community for their involvement; the Committee, according to its statement, has received \$14,170.00 from forces outside the City, and \$2,650.00 - Horvath Associates contributed \$2,490.00 of this amount - from inside the City. The Committee during the past seven weeks, from 2 November through 21 December 1984, paid \$12,067.00 in salaries to the following "publicly spirited" community members:

Edrick Haggans, one of the initiative signers, \$4,750.00; for 7 weeks, this is almost \$700.00 per week. Imagine that!!! Public spirited, bah!

John Bostic, Foothill College Financial Aids Officer, the other signer of the initiative, \$1,500.00.

Pat Johnson, Service League staff and a president of the United Homeowners, \$1,250.00.

Victor Perez, \$1,254.00 in salary costs, plus rent and telephone expenses.

Dennis Scherzer, \$846.00 according to the report.

Sonya Leonard, \$655.00.

Mrs. Oneida Branch, \$625.00.

Doug Smith, long-time worker for the absentee landlords, \$500.00.

Sam Patterson and Calvin Jackson, \$375.00 and \$312.00, respectively.

I am very concerned that the information from the "YES ON MEASURE A" Committee has confused many citizens in our community. The duplicity through which people were led to believe that the City could set the price on someone's property is unforgivable. The actions by the members of CCAIN and PAPA to perpetuate misrepresentations and deceit against citizens of this community is abominable. I pray that the community will again see through this latest smokescreen and will vote resoundingly NO, NO, NO against Measure A; additionally, I hope that all of us, homeowners and renters, will remember the behavior and tactics of these individuals and whenever we see them in action again, we will remember that they are not really publicly spirited citizens but 'hired guns.' Isn't that what the report says?

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara A. Mouton, Mayor

*available at City Council Office