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Argument Against Measure

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Everyone wants to help Sacramento Youth, but this flawed measure is the wrong solution.

Under this proposal the funds could not be used to improve our parks, nor keep our pools open and community centers running. It could not be used to help our struggling libraries, rebuild the youth services division of the parks department, nor to address community blight or develop jobs and support small businesses. It could not be used to address rising crime rates or to improve emergency response times.

None of those priorities are funded under this proposal. Instead of serving critical needs of our city this initiative creates a new bureaucracy, and limits the City Council's ability to make sound financial decision for the benefit of all citizens. 70% of the marijuana tax dollars would be distributed to private non-profit organizations that work with youth.

Passage of this measure locks funds up forever, no matter how much revenue is generated, no matter what the critical needs are in our city. That means none of our afterschool programs; summer youth camps, gang task force programs nor summer jobs for youth would be eligible for these funds.

Someday our city will face another recession. These dollars will be untouchable to prevent the type of cuts we have painfully experienced in recent years. We have yet to fully fund baseline service levels in our parks, libraries, code enforcement, animal services or any other department.

We owe it to our city to meet community needs before we give funds away.

A no vote on this measure is a yes to public safety, parks, libraries, communities, housing, animal care, arts, civic amenities, transportation, economic development, safe bicycle routes, and many city needs.

Please vote no on measure Y and tell your city leaders to use marijuana tax dollars responsibly.

Jeff Harris, Councilmember

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Shane Singh, Parks Commissioner, City of Sacramento

Robert Gorham, Immediate Past President, Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

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