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Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure Y

Who should benefit: children in need or politicians? Legal marijuana will be taxed. Where those funds will go is the question. Measure Y will assure they make a transforming difference in the lives of thousands of children.

Vote Yes, because only 1% of the General Fund is spent on children and young people today in a city where 29% live in poverty, and the shelter for homeless teens just closed for lack of funding.

With Measure Y, the city will be able to use the General Fund to make law enforcement, recreation, library and other program improvements that benefit all Sacramento residents.

Vote Yes for Public Safety. Research shows investing in children through community-based programs keeps kids out of trouble, in school, and on the path to becoming productive adults.

"Sacramento spends 85% of the discretionary General Fund on police and fire because public safety is important. But it's time we invest in programs that prevent children from getting into trouble," says former Sacramento Police Chief Rick Braziel, a Measure Y supporter.

Vote Yes for Economic Development. Measure Y will help train today's young people to be ready for tomorrow's jobs, building a strong, tax-paying workforce. Measure Y will allow us to finally invest in our city's youth and give them a brighter future.

Children's programs are always the first to be cut. Measure Y protects those funds from politicians and other special interests and makes sure they are spent only on programs that benefit our kids.

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