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Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

Y

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The proponents of measure Y are not being truthful, telling voters the city only spends 1% of the general fund on youth services. This number doesn't include the parks budget nor measure U funds that go to swimming pools, community centers, teen services, gang prevention programs and more.

Measure Y would take \$4 million dollars in revenue currently slated for the general fund. Money that would otherwise be allocated by the council to whatever is needed most, including youth activities. The council recently took action, directing \$680,000 in funds for youth programs administered by non-profits. That process included public dialogue, open discussion and measured protocols. Measure Y parts from sound policy, instead directing millions of dollars to a restricted fund without establishing a process for allocation and excluding existing city programs from funding.

Measure Y requires a new department which means spending 15% of the money on an unnecessary bureaucracy. While this measure intends to fund non-profits, no funding is allocated to address potential negative impacts associated with the marijuana industry. There are no requirements for drug awareness nor prevention programs and no additional dollars are allocated for code enforcement or police officers in impacted neighborhoods.

We can and should use the marijuana tax revenue to fund services in parks, libraries, arts, public safety, drug prevention and economic development. All of these contribute significantly to the health and development of our youth and our communities. Let's use marijuana tax dollars responsibly. Please vote no on measure Y.

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