

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Y

YES ON Y!

SAVES MONEY AND LIVES – A public safety strategy that's backed by law enforcement.

Don't fall for the lies from status-quo politicians who have made our taxes the highest in the state and let our parks fall apart. Stand with grassroots leaders: Measure Y gives us power over OUR budget without raising taxes!

As an officer of 35 years, I witnessed the benefits of intervening in the lives of at-risk children to show them another path. Quality programs for kids keep them and our community safe. Historically, Pomona hasn't invested in youth; I have seen many programs defunded and stopped. Pomona is compassionate; the people work hard and do their best. But local government must do better; we can correct this historic wrong. **Pomona, we can't allow this transformative opportunity to pass us by!**

No more lies:

- Pomona's budget for kids is a fraction of what politicians say.
- Measure Y sets aside more funds for library and park programs.
- Pomona's General Fund has increased by \$21M in the past 3 years – we have the money!

It is humane and economical to pay now, rather than pay later. Why?

- Everyday we deal with tragic human and fiscal costs of failing to take preventive action to help Pomona's children live safe, honest and productive lives.
- It costs over \$100,000 annually for a youth to be in a correctional facility - ten times the cost of programs that keep kids out of trouble.

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