



## Local Ballot Measure: EE

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### Argument Against Measure EE

#### Another Parcel Tax? Just. Say. NO!

North Monterey County Public Recreation District (NMCPRD) wants your home and business to be their ATM. "By establishing a dedicated funding source..." **See Exhibit C NMCPRD.** They want your property and your business to become their dedicated funding source!

- Why are they targeting property owners with another parcel tax? Because it's easy money! With each election cycle, the burden on parcel owners increases for both homeowners and businesses.
- Over time, property tax assessments on homeowners have risen exponentially. Many parcels now have 10 or more additional tax assessments, not including property tax.
- Renters also feel the pinch, as property owners pass the tax on to them in higher housing costs. These higher costs make housing more unaffordable.
- Vague purpose. So, specifically where will the tax money go? We aren't told which parks, or how the money will be used. It could be used to fund exercise classes, staff to clean bathrooms, salary increases, or even pension costs.

Surely NMCPRD has ample funding, as many of their activities are offered at no cost to users. Instead of finding ways to streamline operations and reduce expenses, NMCPRD is asking you for more money without clearly demonstrating a need. Every dollar wasted on non-essential projects is a dollar taken from your family! NMCPRD wants to expand its offerings on the backs of families and seniors struggling to make a living and struggling to keep their heads above water. The cost to parcel owners and renters grows out of control. Don't give them permission to take more of your hard-earned money while leaving you with less to live on.

**Say NO to another parcel tax! Say NO to Measure EE.**

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### Rebuttal To Argument Against Measure EE

No arguments in favor of Measure EE were submitted.