

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

A YES vote on Measure G will not increase taxes, but will continue the tax dollars you are already paying for an additional eight years. These funds are necessary to support the police department, parks and recreation programs for youth and seniors, street and drainage repairs and maintenance, and the city portion required to obtain grant funding for projects. This existing tax is  $\frac{3}{4}\%$ , which translates to 75 cents for every \$100.00 spent on **taxable** items.

This transaction tax is expected to generate approximately \$1,400,000 per year, which will stay in the City of Fortuna. A citizen's oversight committee is already in place. The seven members have done an outstanding job collecting information from the public and making recommendations to the city council. The City has a proven track record of being fiscally responsible in spending the funds as promised under the previous tax Measure E, which was voted in by the citizens in 2018.

The funds have been used for necessary equipment and positions within the police department including a community services officer, a part time code compliance officer, and two full-time detectives, enabling the department to solve more cases quickly. The code compliance officer has been successful in cleaning up several unsafe nuisance properties throughout the city.

The Parks department has been able to offer more programs, replace lights in the parks and ball fields, provide senior transit services to Eureka for medical appointments, add hydration stations and pursue grants for new parks and trails.

Public works has been able to pave more streets and repair damaged storm drains. The Rohner Creek Flood Control project was successful due to the availability of matching grant funds, and as a result 150 parcels will be removed from the flood zone!

Keep Fortuna GREAT! Vote YES on G.

/s/ Sue Long, Fortuna Mayor

/s/ Sandi Petersen, Business Owner

/s/ Robert Johnson, Business Owner

/s/ Shannon McWhorter, President, Sequoia Gas Co.

/s/ Marsha Hays, President, FSC