

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

What will Manteca look like in the future? We all want Manteca to be a city we are proud of.

Everyone wants safer, better maintained streets and sidewalks, and quicker emergency response times for a better quality of life.

Manteca's sales tax of 8.25% is lower than Lathrop, Stockton, Modesto, Oakdale and every city in Alameda County and Contra Costa County. It's lower than half of the 545 cities and counties in California. Manteca's per capita General Fund Revenue is less than half of similar nearby cities.

Manteca's revenues have not kept up with inflation. We have fallen behind in needed staffing for Streets and Parks Maintenance, Police and Fire staffing.

Police Staffing does not meet recommended levels. There were 1.2 Police Officers per thousand in 2008, now there are .88, a 27% reduction. There were .88 Fire Personnel per thousand in 2008 and now there are .55, a 13% reduction.

We all see it daily in increased homelessness, poorly maintained streets, crime and inadequate park facilities.

Measure Q increases Manteca's rate of 8.25% by only 3/4 of a cent, does not tax food or medication and is only for 20 years. **All the revenue stays in Manteca!** It cannot be taken by the state.

To provide transparency and accountability, Measure Q requires a community oversight committee that reviews and reports publicly how every dollar is spent to make sure that it meets its goals.

Vote Yes on Measure Q to:

Improve and maintain our streets!

Provide faster response times!

Support neighborhood police patrols, crime prevention, fire protection and reduce homelessness.

Provide more activities for youth and seniors.

We must invest in our future and demand identifiable results from our investment in Manteca.

Vote YES for a safer, cleaner, better Manteca.

Gary Singh, Mayor

Charlie Halford, Councilmember

Phyllis McDonald, Resident

Norm Hauser, Resident

Corey Coleman, City of Manteca Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee, Chairman