

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F

Simple common sense says Measure F is good for Half Moon Bay.

There is nothing unique about Measure F. In fact in 2010 California voters overwhelmingly approved a similar measure- Prop 26, which required the state legislature to have a supermajority before issuing certain kinds of debt.

Just like Measure F.

Absurd assertions that Measure F will “paralyze the Council,” or make it impossible for any projects to get done are simply false. In the past five years half the City’s streets were repaved, Ocean View Park was rebuilt, Mac Dutra Park and the Pilarcitos Creek Pedestrian Bridge were completely replaced and five miles of Naomi Patridge Trail were built. None of these projects would have been affected by Measure F in any way.

The City Council of HMB has an unfortunate history of bad behavior when it comes to managing large projects or sums of money. From 2008 when the City wasted millions on lobbyists trying to ram through a piece of nonsensical legislation, to 2009 when the City illegally issued Build America Bonds for the Beachwood judgment, costing us more than \$1.5 million in extra fines and penalties. And when the City “forgot” about 75 water hookups as part of the Beachwood settlement it cost us an additional \$3.5 million.

While Measure F cannot prevent every bad decision by any given Council, it does protect us by raising the bar just a small bit, which will hopefully lead to better choices on fiscal decisions that affect the City’s long term future. If you agree then please vote YES!! on Measure F.

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