

19 August 2021

To: MEASURE X Advisory Board

Dear Appointed Board Members,

Thank you for offering your service and professional expertise to help Contra Costa County determine how and where Measure X funds should be spent.

Measure X passed in the middle of major violent protests, economic depression, and a health emergency. In my opinion, the Measure was passed to keep our community safe. One of the major aspects about keeping our county safe is to ensure that our Sheriff's Department is funded with adequate and professional staff. Recently, there has been a rise in crime in my community. It seems that people are coming into Contra Costa County from other counties to commit crimes and cause difficulties for members of our community.

This last week, my community had a special public safety zoom meeting where Sheriff's Department representatives, Supervisor Andersen, and her staff attended. I was surprised that over 60 people logged on to ask questions and provide public comments related to the recent crimes committed in my neighborhood. This tells me that many people are concerned with public safety in my community and would like to see more resources dedicated to our Sheriff's Department.

I live in an un-incorporated part of the county and my family's safety and security depend on the Sheriff's Department. My family would like to see consideration and a large portion of the Measure X revenue allocated to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

Thank you,

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Ross A. Hillesheim and Family  
Alamo, CA

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