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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE "A"

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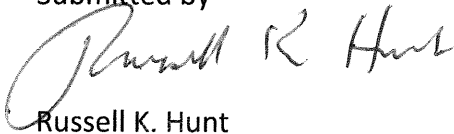
The Board of Supervisors turned down a \$33 million grant to build a 232 person new jail from your state taxes. They turned down \$20 million to build an Adult Rehabilitation Center . They said no to a 1,200 inmate state prison on Clear Creek Road, which would of cleared state parole violators out of the existing jail. They closed the jail annex (65 people). It could have been repaired. They had the opportunity to turn the jail kitchen into 62 bed spaces and then use the kitchen in the courthouse. Yet, the new county administrator will get a \$48,000 annual raise. And the unfunded pension obligations of the county are over \$200 million and growing.

Their claim is they did not have the money to staff these facilities and thus they need another \$20 million in your tax dollars annually to fund 151 new "public service" employees. They propose a work camp and essentially the Adult Rehab Center with a new name. We already have a program that allows minor offenders to do jail time via working at non-profit organizations at a very low cost to the county. Rehabilitation facilities already exist in the private sector and are federally and state funded.

We need a state funded prison. We need a real expansion of the jail. And we need to expand supervision of parolees, who cause the worst damage to us, by housing them in secure and supervised facilities at night.

Only 37% of this tax increase goes for jail like facilities. The rest to salaries.

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