

Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure A

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Sacramento will continue to create laws and policies that will adversely impact Shasta County. We need to take control of our future. A detailed, funded plan will empower our law enforcement, protect our citizens, help those at risk, and improve our quality of life.

Measure A is a special (specific) tax that truly reflects the will of the people. Shasta County voters, and only Shasta County voters, decide where our taxpayer dollars will be spent. Once Measure A is enacted, it is the law. No Elected Body or government official can change the categories for where the funds can be spent.

Measure A provides more jail beds, including operating costs, police officers, deputies, probation officers, prosecutors, and a stronger criminal justice system. These funds will also provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to treat addicts while in custody, and post release, breaking the cycle of substance abuse.

All expenditures will be under the oversight of a 3rd party auditor and an advisory committee.

As Measure A stipulates, these funds cannot be used for existing expenses, existing unfunded liabilities, or supplant any existing general budget items that have been previously funded.

Measure A is our commitment to our community.