

## **Argument in favor of Proposition D:**

### **Restore fire, paramedic, police and other essential City services.**

Revenue from Proposition D will help maintain and restore essential City services such as fire, paramedic, police, library hours and pothole repair, end fire station brownouts, and help improve 911 emergency response times.

By law, funds from this temporary five-year measure can only be collected after the independent City Auditor verifies the City has initiated 10 financial and pension reforms that can produce hundreds of millions of dollars in savings.

City budget cuts totaling over \$180 million have led to rolling brownouts at fire stations, delays in 911 emergency response times, and loss of nearly 200 police, fire and paramedic positions.

But San Diego still faces an ongoing budget deficit of over \$70 million next year – caused in part by Sacramento seizing tens of millions of local tax dollars. By law, Proposition D’s funds cannot be taken by Sacramento.

### **Mandatory financial reform first!**

Proposition D establishes 10 fundamental financial reforms – among the most comprehensive ever undertaken by a California city, including reforming City pension and retirement benefits.

Because of the risk of further drastic service cuts, public employee unions are offering historic concessions. Implementing Proposition D reforms could reduce pension and healthcare liabilities by up to \$500 million and reduce taxpayer costs for pension and retiree healthcare by up to \$50 million annually.

Longtime adversaries – Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Donna Frye – along with firefighters, police, business and labor leaders concerned about protecting public safety, jobs and our economy, support Proposition D because it is the most fiscally responsible and realistic alternative to avoid further devastating cuts in public safety and other essential services.

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