

### Argument Against Measure R

Originally, Measure R was to be a special tax, proceeds to be used for public safety only. When Oroville City Council learned a special tax requires 2/3 voter approval, they decided to change to a general tax that only needs a simple majority and has no fiscal restraints. Measure R includes the commission of an oversight committee. They will be appointed by the council, they will report to the council, and they will have no binding authority on the council.

Oroville City Council members were warned for years by several city administrators of a significant deficit if they continued to allow expenditures to exceed revenue. Now that the deficit is here, some council members have said they were shocked, as if they were blind-sided. They are now asking the voters to bail them out by raising taxes.

When Oroville's City Budget listed 87 city employees, \$8.6 million was allocated for salaries and benefits, averaging almost \$100,000.00 per employee. These compensations are more in line with a larger and more affluent city.

Prior to the annexation of South Oroville, "The Source" magazine distributed by Oroville Chamber of Commerce reported Oroville's median household income was \$27,523.00 per year, well below the \$31,924.00 for all of Butte County.

If this tax is passed, the City of Oroville will have the highest sales tax, not only in Butte County, but in all six adjoining counties. This tax increase will have a negative impact on median income households and put Oroville businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

Since we have a city council that has demonstrated inability or unwillingness to present a balanced budget, we say no on Measure R.

Lorraine Christensen

Steve Christensen



The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is for Lorraine Christensen and the second is for Steve Christensen. The signatures are written in a cursive style.

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- Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure
- Bona Fide Association of Citizens

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- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter R, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on NOV 8 2016 in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

**Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.**

	Print Name clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
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