

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

Measure A is a five-year, locally controlled solution to a healthcare crisis already putting lives at risk. It protects emergency rooms, trauma care, mental health services, stroke and lifesaving treatment for everyone in Santa Clara County.

Opponents suggest "waiting" or "tightening our belts" while hospitals close and care slips out of reach. That's not a plan—it's a gamble with our safety.

Washington's HR1 cuts billions from healthcare nationwide, taking \$1 billion from Santa Clara County. That funding pays for doctors, nurses, emergency care and mental health services. The County is making painful cuts to help fill the gap. But without Measure A, those cuts will go deeper and care will suffer.

Measure A keeps local dollars here, with independent audits and public oversight so voters can see exactly how every dollar is spent. We know sales taxes affect everyone. That's why Measure A is temporary and focused on preventing devastating cuts that hit working families hardest. Losing hospitals means more crowded ERs, longer waits and higher costs for all.

If Measure A fails:

- Medi-Cal patients will lose urgent care options and regular doctors
- Private insurance patients will face longer ER waits, fewer hospitals and higher premiums
- All of us will have a weaker healthcare network when disaster strikes

Santa Clara Valley Healthcare runs two of the County's three trauma centers and treats nearly half of all ER patients—750 a day. That is why the people we trust most—doctors, nurses, emergency responders, local leaders and community advocates—support Measure A.

Vote Yes on Measure A.

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