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The Kings County Elections Department requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument per California Elections Code § 9600. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the County Voter Information Guide.

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by (Check one of the following):

- Board of Supervisors or any member(s) of the Board
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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the:

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

ballot measure S, at the General Election - November 5, 2024 election for the City of Lemoore, CA  
(letter and/or name) (title of election) (jurisdiction)  
 to be held on 11-5-2024 hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.  
(date)

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    |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | PATRICIA MATTHEWS  | MAYOR CITY OF LEMOORE                |           | 7-25-24 |
| 2 | MICHAEL KENDALL    | CHIEF OF POLICE / LEMOORE PD         |           | 7/24/24 |
| 3 | DAVID A. JONES     | FIRE CHIEF / LEMOORE                 |           | 7/25/24 |
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Today, the City of Lemoore is confronting a difficult budget challenge. For the past five years, the expenses to run the city have exceeded the growth in revenue, leaving us at a growing deficit.

Lemoore has taken aggressive steps to minimize the impact of deficits – including a hiring freeze, budget reductions, and deferring capital needs – all while holding the sales tax at the legal minimum.

However, these measures have not been enough, and our city is now at a crossroads.

Our top priority is to preserve public safety for all of our residents. Despite the financial headwinds and thanks to our Lemoore's Volunteer Fire Department, we have managed to ensure that our public safety is fully-funded and working to protect our community day and night.

Yet, without **Measure S**, we face a growing likelihood of significant reductions of Lemoore Police officers and employees to avoid financial collapse, along with the decline of other city services, such as Parks and Recreation and street maintenance.

**Measure S** provides a new revenue source that is already used by 28 area cities. It keeps Lemoore competitive to recruit businesses, as our tax rate would still remain well below average among San Joaquin Valley cities. It also ensures we maintain our police, fire, and parks and recreation services without laying off cops, parks staff, or closing down facilities.

Measure S also has strict accountability and oversight measures built-in, ensuring that city government is managing your resources effectively. These include an annual independent audit of tax revenue and a citizens' oversight committee to review expenditures.

To ensure Lemoore has the resources to remain a safe community for our families, we hope you will join us and vote Yes on **Measure S. Vote Yes on S to preserve our City!**

Learn more about Measure S at [Yes4MeasureS.com](http://Yes4MeasureS.com).