

Measure T

In the Bay Area, homelessness is a regional problem. The reality is that one city's isolated efforts are simply not enough to solve a much larger and intractable regional challenge. A regional approach would be better than relying on funding from an already financially struggling community.

- The City has mismanaged its finances. Why give it more?

The City must stay focused on resolving its' major financial problems or risk insolvency. The *East Bay Times* revealed Richmond's excessive compensation two years ago, yet city compensation since then has become even more extravagant.

- A. In a city where the average resident earns approximately \$40,000 per year, Richmond had over 45 employees who earned at least \$300,000 in total pay plus benefits.
 - B. In 2016, no city employee earned more than \$500,000 in total compensation but in 2017 there were two! Voters should check Transparent California's independent data to confirm this (transparentcalifornia.com).
- In 2014, Measure U promised road repairs. Weeks after its passage, the City Council declared a financial emergency that allowed it to redirect funds; classic "bait and switch".

By voting NO on Measure T, voters will send a message to the City to get its financial house in order, learn to live within its means and to pursue funding from sources other than its many overtaxed working residents.