

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE A COUNTY ORDINANCE

The people of the County of Santa Cruz demand that the Federal government cease its inflationary policy of steadily increasing the military budget, and that it redirect our tax money to improving our domestic economy through support for badly needed jobs and services, thereby creating jobs with peace.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A JOBS WITH PEACE INITIATIVE

No existing law authorizes the County of Santa Cruz to require the Federal government to adopt any particular policy. However, the County of Santa Cruz may express the demand of its voters that the Federal government adopt a particular policy regarding jobs with peace.

If approved by the voters, the proposed Jobs with Peace Initiative would require the County of Santa Cruz to demand that the Federal government cease its inflationary policy of steadily increasing the military budget and that it redirect our tax money to improving our domestic economy through support for badly needed jobs and services, thereby creating jobs with peace. Such demand would not be legally binding on the Federal government.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

- A crisis of unemployment is destroying the living standards of ten million U.S. workers and their families. 12,000 workers are unemployed in Santa Cruz county.
 - Military production, with expensive technology, cost-overruns and excessive profits, creates fewer jobs per dollar than almost any category of civilian spending. County residents pay over \$109 million a year to the military in Federal taxes. Only \$15 million is returned. If the \$94 million drained from our county were spent here, it would create between 2,500 to 6,750 jobs.
 - Increased military spending raises the national debt, drives up interest rates and results in a building slowdown that throws thousands of trades workers into depression levels of unemployment. High interest rates have brought about the biggest number of business failures since 1932.
 - Excessive military spending is inflationary. Arms production consumes scientific, natural, and industrial resources, driving up the price of those same resources when used for consumer goods.
 - Our military might bears no reasonable relationship to our true defense needs. Both superpowers are roughly equal, both can destroy each other many times over.
 - U.S. involvement in Central America and the Middle East, first-strike strategies, military increases, and the revival of draft registration show that current U.S. policy is leading to new Vietnams and possibly a devastating nuclear war.
 - We need improved schools, decent health care, child care, security for seniors, affordable housing, the development of transportation and energy alternatives, and useful jobs.
 - The reduction of military spending is necessary not only for the domestic well-being of our nation, but is crucial to the survival of the human race. A reassessment of our defense needs, based on the people's true interests, will reduce world tensions, restrain inflation and interest rates, and release more money for social needs and jobs.
- Vote Yes On Measure A.

s/ Lucy Haessler, Member of Women's
International League for Peace & Freedom
s/ Al Rowe, Member of Board of Directors,
Seniors Council
s/ Jonathan Boutelle, President of
Carpenters Union
s/ Rhea De Hart, President of Pajaro Valley
Federation of Teachers
s/ Mardi Wormhoudt, Santa Cruz City
Councilmember

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST :
THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX

Existing law authorizes the County of Santa Cruz to impose an additional tax on motor vehicle fuel with the approval of:

- (1) the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz; and
- (2) the majority of the City Councils of the cities having a majority of the population in the incorporated areas of the County of Santa Cruz; and
- (3) two-thirds of the voters of the County of Santa Cruz voting on such measure.

There is no existing local option additional tax on motor vehicle fuel in the County of Santa Cruz.

The Board of Supervisors and each City Council within the County of Santa Cruz have approved an additional motor vehicle fuel tax of two cents (\$0.02) per gallon of gasoline and two cents (\$0.02) per 100 cubic feet of compressed natural gas used as a motor vehicle fuel.

If approved by the voters, the proposed additional tax on motor vehicle fuel would be imposed effective March 31, 1983 for five years only and would cease absolutely no later than March 31, 1988. The limited term tax would be imposed Countywide and the revenues therefrom would be allocated among the County of Santa Cruz and all of the cities therein on a per capita basis pursuant to a written agreement which has been approved by said parties. The tax revenues could only be used for storm damage repair, preventive maintenance, construction, and safety improvements on local City and County public roads. The tax would be collected and remitted in the same manner as the State gas tax.

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