

DON'T BE FOOLED! PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE VOTING

Reasons we should vote AGAINST the TAX:

- **BACKGROUND**—Your property tax already pays for police protection. If you vote no, you will not lose any police services.
- **WHAT ARE WE PAYING FOR?**—The tax proposal is too vague. The Fig Garden Police Protection District (F.G.P.P.D.) is a separate entity that has run out of money. They want to shift the cost to us rather than increase their own cost. They will still have only one sheriff on duty for almost twice as many homes.
- **STATISTICS**—Crime statistics reviewed by the Local Agency Formation Commission, a California State agency, indicates the Fig Garden area in general, has one of the lowest crime rates in the state, writing: *“overall crime rates in the proposed expansion areas are not appreciably different from the core area”*.
- **RUMORS**--Despite rumors, Fresno City police officers are NOT taking over. The Sheriff's Department is here to stay.
- **PRICE INCREASE**—Nearly \$500,000.00 will be collected the first year. This tax proposal allows for annual increases, without a vote, capped only by the cost of living index. Price increases will occur. In the past 6 months, F.G.P.P.D. changed the proposal, raising tax an additional \$100 for commercial and multi-family units and added \$58, from \$75 to \$133 for vacant property. In addition to yearly price increases, there is no time limit on this tax.
- **THEY NEED MONEY!**--The District was not interested in “protecting us” until they realized they could no longer afford rising costs.

A NO VOTE DOES NOT MEAN WE WILL LOSE OUR SHERIFF; ONLY THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO PAY MORE TAXES TO LIVE IN AN ALREADY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD.

TO STOP THIS TAX, VOTE NO AND MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT TODAY.

The undersigned proponents or authors of the primary argument against ballot proposition Fig Garden Police Protection District Special Tax at the All-Mailed Ballot Election for the County of Fresno to be held on October 10, 2006 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SIGNED:

DATE:

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