

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

YES on Measure "H" ensures that all citizens both renters and property owners in Lodi can exercise their democratic right to participate in the decision making process of their future and holding city officials accountable for their decision-making.

YES on Measure "H" does not threaten city services, such as: police, public works, parks and recreation, fire safety or the library. These services are solely at the discretion of city officials' abilities to make good financial decisions. City of Lodi Code of Ethics and Values, Resolution #2004-115 states "I (Council member) will be service-oriented. . . and care about the needs and issues of citizens."

The Council against popular public opinion and numerous citizens complaints, ultimately entered into a number of inequitable (\$30 million on failed litigation) and highly questionable settlements.

#1. A federal judge on June 4th, 2004 invited Lodi's attorneys to copy Modesto's strategy with their PCE/TCE ground water clean up litigation, but Lodi declined. Modesto used a winning strategy in court and was awarded \$175 million by a San Francisco Superior Court jury.

#2. California State Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Clean Up Abatement Order on August 5, 2005 that stated . . ."The Board entered a separate settlement with Lodi News Sentinel . . . This agreement essentially makes Lodi News Sentinel . . . secondarily liable for compliance with the Clean Up and Abatement Order."

Voting YES on Measure "H" ensures that Lodi will remain "livable and lovable" with the input from its citizens.

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