



Submitted herewith is the PRIMARY ARGUMENT In favor of Measure S  
(in favor of / against) (name or number)

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TEXT:

Lodi has long been livable and lovable because we are a tight-knit and safe community. But our safety is increasingly at risk due to changes in state law.

Police calls are spiking because of the State of California's unprecedented criminal justice experiment that puts habitual criminals back on our streets shortly after their repeated arrests. Police calls in Lodi increased by 2,000 from 2015 to 2016, criminal cases increased by more than 400 and arrests increased by 145. Citizens who call 911 are waiting longer for officers to arrive because officers have as many as 15 calls taking priority. If Lodi is to maintain its livability we must increase our police staffing to keep up with these challenges.

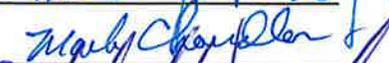
A yes vote also will ensure The Lodi Fire Department provides residents the highest service levels. More than half the time, the fire engine at our downtown station is browned out. Measure S would provide the funds needed to keep the engine in service 24 hours a day. In addition, it would restore a depleted training budget so that firefighters can provide the best fire and medical service to those in need, as well as better protect our community from hazardous materials.

Measure S will hire eight street officers, two part time parks officers, one part time gang intervention worker and fully staff Fire Engine One at the cost of a ¼ percent increase in the sales tax, costing Lodi taxpayers only 2 cents on an \$8 taxable purchase. Importantly, Measure S can only be spent on additional staffing (not a penny can go to solving the pension crisis or pet projects) and Measure S comes with citizen oversight.

VOTE YES for Public Safety on November 8, 2016, VOTE YES on Measure S!

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Legislative Body or committee name, if applicable)

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