

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Y

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Mr. Kagan wants the voters to defeat Measure Y. This is based on his assertion that if Measure Y is defeated, a new petition effort will reduce the taxes to \$100. The foundation of Mr. Kagan's argument is false. His argument is based upon taxing **ALL** of the properties within CFD 2004-1, both developed and undeveloped. This proposal cannot be implemented and Mr. Kagan is misrepresenting the amount of future special taxes to be levied.

Hesperia Unified School District entered into contracts with the original owners of the property within CFD 2004-1 which **prohibit a tax on undeveloped property** until it is developed, unless the proceeds are insufficient. A new initiative will not rewrite the contract or the way in which CFD 2004-1's special taxes are determined. The School District is prohibited from taxing the undeveloped property. Undeveloped property will not be able to be used to reduce the special taxes.

The School District has worked with the homeowners to reduce the special taxes. There has been no forgery. If Measure Y is defeated, the current special taxes will remain. **Measure Y will bring permanent tax relief to the homeowners.** The 2013/2014 special taxes will be reduced by over 70%, from approximately \$1,830 to \$490. Review Table C-1 in the Tax Rate Statement for the annual maximum tax to be levied on your property if Measure Y is successful.

Please join us to pass Measure Y. Vote **Yes** on Measure Y and **we will all see a tax savings.**

s/ Steven J. Berganini, Homeowner

s/ Ruby Brown, Homeowner

s/ Cheri E. Lopez, Homeowner