

City of Selma -- Argument in Favor of Measure P

In 1960, the Selma Police Department moved into the old train station depot, intended only to be a temporary location until a working police operations center could be built. Today, Police detectives work out of a trailer that does not provide modern policing technology and does not even have windows that can close. A Yes Vote on Measure P will finally fix these critical problems:

Measure P will ensure the police operations center will have an updated 9-1-1 system to handle all police, emergency calls, ensure the 9-1-1 system is working during an earthquake or other disaster, and will improve day-to-day life-saving emergency response times.

Measure P will ensure the technology at the new police operations center will better integrate video policing and officer location technology to more quickly dispatch officers to crime scenes, increasing the likelihood of catching criminals quickly.

Measure P will improve the Selma Police Department's anti-drug and gang prevention capabilities, and will help attract and retain high quality police officers for Selma.

The City has worked hard to get \$4,000,000 matching funds from the State, so that local homeowners won't have to pay the entire cost of improving public safety. The measure will give Selma local control over local funds for local needs – requiring that our tax dollars are spent to benefit Selma residents. No funds can be taken by Sacramento.

And, Measure P requires an independent citizen’s oversight committee, mandatory financial audits, and annual reports to ensure that every penny is accounted for and spent as promised on the police operations center.

We cannot delay building a new earthquake-safe police operations center. For our safety's sake, we urge you to join your neighbors, the business community, and civic leaders by voting yes on Measure P.

The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the primary argument in favor of ballot Measure P at the General Election for the City of Selma to be held on November 8, 2016 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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