

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Protect Public Safety – without raising taxes – Vote YES on C!

YES on C extends existing, voter-approved funding critical to the safety and survival of our city – without raising taxes.

YES on C will maintain and prevent cuts to:

- Police/Fire emergency response times
- Police training, recruitment/retention
- Neighborhood police patrols

Without Measure C Desert Hot Springs faces increased emergency response times, cuts to neighborhood patrols, and one of our fire houses could even close – Desert Hot Springs’ main fire station is the third-busiest in the county! Closing a fire station would risk lives and property.

YES on C helps train, recruit/retain skilled police officers. Our officers are some of the lowest paid in ALL of California! They have taken a 22% pay cut and still protect our community. The violent crime rate has DECREASED. Vote YES on C to keep these dedicated officers protecting us.

Without Measure C, we will not be able to recruit/retain experienced police officers. Desert Hot Springs is already short officers, with one-third too few police officers for a city of our size according to national standards.

YES on C protects us from state policies that continue to put more criminals back on our streets. The state has shifted more and more public safety responsibilities to cities, with no funding to help. Measure C ensures that we can continue to monitor criminals in our neighborhoods.

We need Measure C! Measure C does not increase taxes. It simply extends voter-approved funding to protect public safety. Measure C continues to require strict accountability, including oversight and independent financial audits.

By law, all Measure C funds must stay local, for public safety ONLY.

Join a unanimous City Council, Police Officers, Firefighters, Community Leaders, and Neighbors—Vote YES on C—protect our safety!

For more factual information visit: [www.cityofdhs.org](http://www.cityofdhs.org).



# STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the Primary argument In favor  
(PRIMARY OR REBUTTAL) (IN FAVOR OR AGAINST)  
ballot measure C at the SPECIAL MUNICIPAL MEASURE ELECTION  
(LETTER) (TITLE OF ELECTION)  
for the City of Desert Hot Springs to be held on November 8, 2017  
(DISTRICT OR JURISDICTION) (DATE)

hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.  
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