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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE UU

In 2004 Union City voters approved a public safety parcel tax. Our police department was able to retain 12 police officers and all four fire stations remained open. However, the measure expires in early 2009 and we must renew funding for public safety with a YES vote on Measure UU on the November 4th, 2008 ballot. Your YES vote on Measure UU is needed to maintain our response time for crimes, fires and emergency medical calls. Our police and fire departments have an excellent record of serving our community even though the ratio of officers and fire-fighters to our population is low compared to other cities in Alameda County.

The existing parcel tax produces \$2.7 million per year for police and fire services. Measure UU will help fight escalating youth and gang violence by adding \$500,000 devoted to intervention counseling services, a family resource center and violence prevention programs. The existing parcel tax for the average homeowner is \$95-106 per year. The new tax will add \$20 per year for the average homeowner and will expire in 8 years unless renewed by Union City voters.

Union City has received international awards for financial reporting and budget operations for 18 consecutive years. We carefully utilize our limited resources. A great feature of Measure UU is that revenue generated in Union City stays in Union City. The money does not go to the state or county. We direct the funds to our public safety departments.

Active involvement in public safety is the duty of everyone in Union City. The police and fire departments of Union City deserve your continued support. A YES vote on Measure UU is the right decision for you, your neighborhood and the city. Union City is a great place to live and your YES vote on Measure UU improves our public safety.

s/Mark Green
Mayor

s/Manuel C. Fernandez
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s/Jim Navarro
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Councilmember

s/Carol Dutra-Vernaci
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NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE UU WAS SUBMITTED.