

Measure O Oversight Committee report:

The current Measure O Oversight Committee has rejected the mid-year Measure O budget report as presented by Chief Johnson in January 2023. By a unanimous vote, we wish to state that the Measure O parcel tax is not being used according to the language of Measure O ordinance, and thus not being used according to the will of the voters in this District. We recommend that the Board include items described in Measure O, such as EMS service enhancement, and/or fire-prevention service and staffing, and discontinue the use of the money for Pensions, Health-care, and County fees. Historically the fund was never intended to be used for day-to-day operations, and was supposed to be a “separate” fund, not lumped together into the general fund. This practice should stop. During this upcoming year of transition, we recommend a minimum 50% of Measure O money goes to items listed above, and the remaining portion is used at the discretion of the budget committee.

Measure O Oversight Committee:

Maureen Brennan

Frank Grimsley

Elizabeth Genai

Angie Noble