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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:29 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Proposed revenue measure

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Hi City Councilmembers,

Hope this email finds you well! Please do NOT use the money for the proposed revenue measure being spent almost entirely on public safety and city staff buildings.

**Please** broaden the proposed spend to include affordable housing, parks, biodiversity; active transportation, homeless prevention programs, help for the unstably housed, senior programs, etc.

All the best,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** revenue proposal

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TO: CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding a proposed revenue measure which I believe will come up at your next meeting.

Turning the revenue toward buildings for the City Staff seems unnecessary at this time when the public needs attention to many other issues which the City Council has discussed. These issues would include parks, biodiversity, transportation, green complete street, affordable housing. Public safety is also considered in this revenue proposal. That would be a good goal. Although I think it would be a necessary help for the City, but it is not clear what steps would be taken to improve public safety. I hope that would be clarified.

Thank you fir your consideration of my point of view.

Yours truly,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:22 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Potential Revenue Measure Language Comment

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Greetings Council and Staff,

I am writing with regards to the ballot language being considered for the revenue measure being proposed for the ballot this November. Given the extreme emphasis on public safety as the motivating reason for the ballot measure, I do not envision that I will be able to vote for the measure for reasons I will articulate further below. Our community has massive needs in multiple other dimensions, such as affordable housing and tenant support or mental health services performed by trained professionals rather than armed police officers.

My major concern with a ballot revenue focusing on public safety is the narrow view of public safety that the city has repeatedly demonstrated. Repeated requests from the public for PSAB to include elements of public safety beyond the police, such as the fire department or disaster planning, have been consistently rebuffed. This indicates a view of public safety being synonymous with the police. Additionally, council has demonstrated an unwillingness to deny police funding for seemingly any request. Granting a request for new bean bag shotguns after an officer left their deadly weapon unsecured at a school, resulting in a child shooting the weapon; acquiescing to setting cameras throughout the city without any metrics to determine whether the program is a success; moving forward with a public safety building plan that includes a large amount of land area dedicated to a new shooting range - these are all recent examples of council approving police requests with complete ease. In other words, it has been made clear that money will be found to give to the police (which is the narrow view of public safety the city has articulated through its actions) in any situation. In light of that, I would not be able to vote for a ballot measure focused on public safety as an underlying cause. Perhaps there would not be as many money issues if requests from the police were examined more closely - they already consume nearly a third of the budget and are the single biggest slice of the pie chart in the recently adopted budget.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:50 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Request to broaden language of upcoming revenue measure

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Dear Mountain View City Council Members,

I am writing to express my concern with the Mountain View revenue measure that is to be included on the ballot in the upcoming election in November. As written, it sounds like the measure would allow most of the funds to only be used for public safety and city staff buildings. I'd like to request that the language of the measure be broadened to include green complete streets, affordable housing, parks, biodiversity, and active transportation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Mountain View resident  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:46 PM  
**To:** , City Clerk; City Council; McCarthy, Kimbra  
**Subject:** Funding considerations for revenue measure

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Dear City Council and City Manager McCarthy,

My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in Mountain View for the past five years.

I notice that you all will be considering a new revenue measure at your next meeting. I hope you will financially prioritize parks and transportation. Our parks are such an important part of the community, and it would be great to see increased investment in the quantity and quality of parks (in addition to supporting more public bathrooms at parks). I also mention transportation projects because I frequently use Rengstorff to cross Central Expressway and that is such a challenging intersection. I understand there is interest in a grade separation project there that I think would really benefit our community. Finally I will add that it would be great to see even more strategies to support walkability, bikeability, and interconnected systems of public transportation to decrease our reliance on cars in this community.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:20 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** We need a revenue measure with balanced revenue allocation

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Mayor Showalter and Mountain View City Council Members:

I am a strong supporter of public safety in Mountain View. However, it has come to my attention that the City Council may be considering using the revenue from the November local revenue almost entirely for the public safety building. I am for a balanced funding approach that provides funding for public safety, but also for funding the active transportation network to increase bicycling and pedestrian use, having funding available for parks and park facilities, and affordable housing. I urge the staff and the City Council to provide a balance to the funding to help achieve an array of public policy goals.

I will review the staff report that comes out Thursday evening and i hope it provides the balanced funding that many of us are looking for. A balanced revenue measure, in my opinion, will have a higher probability of passing in November.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Mountain View Resident.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 3:45 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Comment on Potential Revenue Measure for 2024 General Election Ballot

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Hi Mountain View City Council,

I work in Mountain View and commute by Caltrain and bicycle daily. As the city of Mountain View continue to forecast budget deficits, I want to make sure any future revenue measures include expanded language for active transportation and vision zero funding.

The city of Mountain View has not historically prioritized active transportation infrastructure. The Rengstorff Avenue active transportation improvement project was in design for 2 decades (started 2004!) until finally being half way funded by grade separation funding from Caltrain. The grade separation project for Castro street is indefinitely delayed, despite hundreds of commuters crossing Central from the Caltrain Station north to Moffett. Pitifully, some of the active transportation project have to rely on private corporation's financial support (from Google, for example). Further budget constrains will delay already in-progress projects such as California Street safety improvements.

These delays are unacceptable. Bicyclists and pedestrians keep dying every year on corridors **where we already have plans for improvement** but will continue to die if the revenue measure do not include language for infrastructure funding, and the city of Mountain View need to honor it's commitment to vision zero and safe streets for all.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 16, 2024 4:21 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Revenue Measure: please prioritize funding green complete streets + active transportation + parks

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Mayor Showalter and Mountain View City Council Members:

I recently attended one of the outreach meetings for the proposed Revenue Measure. I'm concerned city staff are proposing to use the revenue from the measure, if approved, almost entirely for funding public safety and city staff buildings. This move seems short-sighted and contrary to Mountain View's more progressive and visionary policies and plans.

I ask that you direct staff to prioritize earmarking some of the revenue that would be generated by the proposed measure to fund green complete streets, other active transportation projects, and city parks. These types of projects are -- according to the staff report -- at risk of losing funding over the next few years.

Please walk the talk to ensure we have the funding necessary to realize the people-friendly, healthy, climate resilient and vibrant city we envision for Mountain View!

Thank you.  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 16, 2024 1:59 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Priorities for proposed revenue measure

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Hello there,

I'm a Mountain View resident, and I'm grateful for the service you folks provide. I'm reaching out because I've been told that there's a serious risk of the proposed revenue measure being spent almost entirely on public safety and city staff buildings.

I'm hoping that we can consider broadening the application of available revenue to include a more inclusive set of interests. I'm thinking of things such as green complete streets, affordable housing, parks, biodiversity, active transportation, etc

I'm personally a passionate advocate of active transportation, and I think every opportunity we have to invest on this front pays ongoing dividends in public safety and health.

I know you have a lot of priorities to balance, but I hope you'll consider my input as you weigh them.

Best wishes,