

## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

### **“Orange County Great Park Ratification and Implementation Act”**

Measure R, the Orange County Great Park Ratification and Implementation Act, is a thinly-veiled scheme to put Irvine taxpayers on the hook for potentially multi millions of dollars in Great Park budget shortfalls. Vote NO!

We all support the Great Park. We look forward to its successful completion. But we do not support diverting General Fund monies to help finance it, or raise taxes.

Measure R creates loopholes in the 2006 Shea/Choi Resolution now in place to protect General Fund monies from being used to cover Great Park cost overruns. Vote NO!

When Great Park Board Chairman Larry Agran proclaimed the Park's money flow was “diversified and growing” he wasn't kidding.

Agran knew then what we know now: Measure R lays the ground work for sales taxes, utility taxes, transit occupancy taxes, gas taxes, vehicle license fees, franchise taxes, property taxes and documentary transfer taxes “to be available” to help pay for the Great Park's operation and maintenance.

So much for Agran's promises that no Irvine tax dollars would be used to fund the Great Park!

Measure R is nothing more than a bail out for Lennar's Great Park Neighborhoods development. This massive housing project has fallen prey to a slowing economy and slumping housing market. Lennar hopes to back out of its original development agreement because the original agreement doesn't pencil out. Protect your tax dollars. Vote NO!

Agran and Lennar's plan was that the Great Park would pay for itself, through no-cost dedications of land, the provision of cash paid to the City in the form of Development Agreement fees and land secured financings.

Make Larry Agran keep his promises. It's not fair to Irvine taxpayers to let him break them. Vote NO!

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