ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

A YES vote on Measure B will make Bellflower a fiscally sound City at no cost to the residents of Bellflower. The anticipated revenues from Measure B will provide funding for needed law enforcement, including additional neighborhood patrols, parks and recreation and after-school programs. The estimated new funds of up to $3 million annually would allow the City to continue providing the existing law enforcement and economic development services provided by the existing utility user tax fees that are set to expire in April 2018. All programs funded by Measure B will be subject to citizen oversight and review, and the funds will be fully audited every year.

Measure B will be implemented through a tightly regulated Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process and regulatory ordinance. It is the City’s intent to allow only a very limited number of highly qualified operators to do business in the City. We recognize that cultivation and distribution of cannabis is not necessarily a preferred activity among all facets of the community. However, it is simply a matter of good government to regulate and tax a lucrative business that that has been overwhelmingly approved by voters throughout the State and in the City on November 8, 2016.

Vote YES on Measure B. It is a matter of good government and good business.

RON SCHNABLEGGER
Mayor Pro Tem

RAY DUNTON
City Councilmember