

Argument In Favor of Measure A

Vote YES. We will be losing our police personnel due to severe underfunding. Our Stallion Springs Police Department officers are paid 30% LESS than officers in our area and are not provided with the equipment and technology to keep them and us safe. We are losing highly trained officers to other departments and cannot offer the financial incentives to recruit quality replacements. The Special Tax of \$275 per parcel per year will allow SSPD to recruit high quality officers and purchase the equipment needed. The additional monies will all stay within Stallion Springs and be used exclusively for the Police Department.

The \$275 per parcel per year is \$23 per month. The County Administrator's Office says an estimate of cost to contract with the Kern Sheriff to replace the coverage we have is \$2.5M the first year; \$1.7M per year after, which is \$87/month the first year and \$60/month after for one shift per day, not 24/7 quick response!

Our police have responded to and assisted Stallion residents 125 times per month over the last two years. This service will be lost if Measure A does not pass. A Yes vote keeps our law enforcement local to Stallion Springs, 24/7. The loss of our police will lead to an increase in property crime, a decrease in our property values, and an influx of controlled substance problems. The Sheriff Deputies will not patrol our streets. And a caller to 911 can expect to wait over 20-30 minutes for a deputy to arrive for a *priority 1* call (imminent danger to life).

Vote Yes on Measure A and keep our law enforcement here!

s/William Siverson

s/Mary Ann Vickery

s/Janel Rizzo