

NO on Measure T



It spells TROUBLE for our Parks and Beaches

On November 7, the choice will be YOURS:

Build a \$23 million **PALACE** in Central Park ... **OR** Maintain existing parks, beaches, and community facilities.



In 1998, the City of Huntington Beach formed a 56-member citizen committee to review and assess the deteriorating condition of our city's infrastructure. After 3

years of investigation, their conclusion: **\$849 million in unfunded needs**. Streets, parks, harbor dredging, libraries, landscaping, flood channels, beaches, sewers, fire stations, block walls, sidewalks, trees and community centers were **ALL** in need of repair or replacement.

Rather than addressing these needs, the city council is proposing to **divert** \$23 million from one-time park improvement and development funds to construct a 45,000 square foot **palatial** Senior Center in **Central Park**. The **Estimated operations and maintenance** cost of \$1 million per year will further damage the city's ability to fund future park needs throughout the City.

More cost-effective alternatives must be considered.



You make choices every day with your household budget--the city council must do the same with their budget. The **fiscally prudent** alternative is

to **scale down** the scope of this project so that broader community needs can be addressed.

The last project approved by the voters was the Sports Complex. The City Council told you it would cost \$1.9 million. The real cost was over **\$19 million** (\$1.2 million/year debt service alone). As a result of those cost overruns, all of our parks and beaches now suffer from reduced maintenance.

It is short-sighted to use park acquisition funds to pave 5 acres of open space in Central Park. **We must protect our dwindling open spaces, beaches, and parklands, not build on them.**