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ASSOCIATION

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Dear SJTA Member:

I want to bring two things to your attention. First, your San Joaquin Taxpayers Association (SJTA) will host a Community Forum May 22 on Stockton's Public Safety initiatives. This forum will be held May 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Long Theatre on the campus of the University of the Pacific; 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA.

The purpose of this event is to explain the contributing factors and the differences between two initiatives aimed at reducing crime in Stockton. The Council-endorsed *Marshall Plan on Crime* will be presented by Stockton Council Members Kathy Miller and Elbert Holman. The Mayor's *Stockton Safe Streets Initiative* will be presented by co-authors Matthew Arnaiz and Russell Ray.

This event is open to the public at no charge. Seating is limited. The first to come will be seated in the order they arrive. Time will be allowed for questions.

Secondly, I want you to know that the SJTA has been working hard in various areas of local government to educate and advocate for taxpayers. We have posted a downloadable brochure on the web site (www.sjtax.org) outlining many of our accomplishments and media coverage in 2012.

Some time ago, you joined the SJTA. Many of you have also given financial support. We appreciate the donations received to defray the expense of our community forums, public information requests and other things. Our advocacy continues in various areas. For example, we have secured a state legislator to introduce legislation on our behalf to prohibit health benefits for stipend-only county-appointed committee members. We are working on a comparison of teacher instructional time and costs for local school districts. We are engaged in Stockton's bankruptcy with a focus on the need for pension reform. These and other issues involve time and money.

We need your financial support. Please browse our web site for more information. You can contribute via major credit card on our "Contribute" page; or, we accept checks at the address below. Call me if you want more details or if you have ideas that will help us.

Thank you, and we hope to see you at the SJTA Community Forum on May 22nd!

Sincerely,

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