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**Subject:** Regarding Measure J deison for tonight

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Kevin, please share with the Mayor and Councilmembers. Thanks, John

Dear Mayor Sparks, City Council and staff, I am writing to you as a constituent with an opinion on your upcoming vote on Measure J this evening. During my 14-year span on the Cotati City Council, I always tried to give the citizens options for making their own decisions where possible. I have familiarized myself with both sides of this issue and have agreements with points from both sides. However, I feel it is not in the City's best interest to agree with the proponents of Measure J for one reason. If someone is opposed to factory farming in Sonoma County (which I have not seen clear evidence of this with all ag operations), then their most powerful step would be to buy plant-based food items.

I can't predict the long-term economic impacts nor impacts to workers in the industry, but I do wonder about the unintended consequences should this measure pass. What impacts would be seen at local grocery stores when all of a sudden, they no longer sell local meats and would have to import them from further away? I would assume costs to the consumer would rise. I'm not sure anyone in politics would want that stigma attached to their vote.

I am not a vegetarian, however, I purchase plant-based "meats" on a regular basis along with animal-based meats. The decision should lie with the consumer and I would encourage you to vote no on Measure J.

Thanks for your time in listening to me. As always, thanks for your service to the community. Best of luck on your decision.

John

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