

## Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure G

**Big Oil is spending big money to protect their profits while they threaten our water, economy, and health. Know the facts:**

### **The “Oil and Gas Shut Down” is a Lie**

- Measure G allows San Luis Obispo County’s existing oil operations to continue (see Section 2B of the Initiative).

### **Big Oil is Risking the Heart of San Luis Obispo County’s Economy**

- The County Auditor says oil provides fewer than 80 local jobs and only 0.43% of County-assessed taxes.
- Reports show agriculture and tourism together contribute over 40,000 jobs and billions of dollars to the local economy.
- Agriculture and tourism depend on clean and plentiful water. Groundwater contamination could cause significant economic harm.

### **Big Oil is Bullying Voters with Threats of Lawsuits**

- Courts have confirmed local governments have the power to ban new drilling. If we choose to do that, then Big Oil should back off.
- The measure gives the County flexibility to avoid liability for “taking” anyone’s property rights.

### **Oil Companies Don’t Care About Our Energy Independence**

- They convinced Congress to lift the ban on oil exports to maximize their profits. They also consistently lobby against clean energy measures that would reduce our reliance on overseas fossil fuels.
- San Luis Obispo County oil is refined and sold throughout California and internationally, not just for local consumption.

**Measure G stops oil companies from passing the risks of fracking and expanded oil production on to the people of San Luis Obispo County. Vote YES on Measure G.**

Ruth Madocks, Organic Farmer Elizabeth Demsetz, Cal Poly Physics Lecturer Sherri Stoddard, RN

Janine Rand, Retired Social Worker Doug Timewell, Retired Farmer



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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the

- Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of

ballot measure (insert letter) G

at the (insert type of election - Primary, General, Special) General Election

for the County  
(insert name of jurisdiction - County, Special District, School District)

to be held on (insert election date) November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) their knowledge and belief.

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Signed	[Redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	Elizabeth Demsetz	7/26/18	physics lecturer, Cal Poly
Signed	[Redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	Sherrin Stoddard	7/26/2018	RN
Signed	[Redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	Jannie Rands	7/28/2018	Retired social worker
Signed	[Redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	DOUGLAS Timewell	7/30/18	RETIRED FARMER

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- Board of Supervisors or Governing Board
- Bona Fide Sponsors or Proponents of the Measure
- Bona Fide Association of Citizens - Name of Association: Coalition to Protect  
Principal Officers: San Luis Obispo
- Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure



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The undersigned author(s) of the direct argument

- In Favor of Measure
- Against Measure

at the (insert type of election) November 2018 Election  
 for the (insert jurisdiction) San Luis Obispo County  
 to be held on (insert date of election) \_\_\_\_\_

hereby authorize the following individual(s) to sign the rebuttal argument in their place:  
 (Print Name(s))

1. Ruth Madocks	2. Sheri Stoddard
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