

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A-18

**The argument for Measure A-18 leaves out important facts and gets others wrong, such as:**

- Proponents of the parcel tax say that Cambria depends on the CCSD Fire Department (Cambria Fire) for more than just firefighting.

That's not the whole story. Cambria Fire *does not* work alone. Agencies not mentioned in the "pro" argument -- Cal Fire, the Cambria Community Healthcare District's ambulance service, the County Sheriff and the CHP -- also serve Cambria. This well-run emergency system does **not need** extra firefighters to do its job.

- The "pro" argument points to "national federal and state safety requirements." But these requirements are **already met** by Cal Fire and Cambria Fire working together.
- The Grand Jury has **not recommended** raising Cambria Fire staffing levels. Nor has the CCSD mentioned fire staffing in its responses to the Grand Jury.
- San Luis Obispo County's Emergency Operations Plan (the correct title) **says nothing** about needing extra firefighters. A 2014 County document suggests adding professionals "to augment existing volunteer forces," but Cambria Fire is already fully professionalized.
- The proponents cite "increasing public safety needs," In fact, fires in Cambria are trending downward and ambulance calls are **not** increasing.

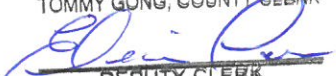
Moreover, the cost to fund these three extra firefighters *begins* at \$378,000 a year. **Along with cost-of-living and "step" increases, taxpayers will face rising pension and healthcare costs for the extra firefighters for decades to come.**

We Cambrians support our firefighters. But this tax increase is not necessary. We urge you to vote **NO on Measure A-18.**

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Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Argument Against

Rebuttal to the Argument  
in favor of

ballot measure (insert letter) A-18

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

Election for the Cambria Community Services District  
(insert name of jurisdiction - County, Special District, School District)

to be held on (insert election date) June 5, 2018

argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed [Signature] Date 3-12-18

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Signed [Signature] Date 3-5-18

Print Name IGOR V. FEDOROFF

Signed [Signature] Date 3/9/18

Print Name BRIAN GRIFFIN

Signed [Signature] Date 3/4/18

Print Name Gerald Praver

Signed [Signature] Date 3/11/18

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