

Rebuttal to Argument in favor of Measure C-18

The majority of the Cambria Community Healthcare District (CCHD) directors have stated, “We have made many changes to keep your District financially healthy.” In fact, they have done little to reduce spending.

Cambrians with backgrounds in healthcare, business and accounting have made some practical cost saving suggestions such as these:

- Stop providing an all-expense-paid Ford Expedition to a CCHD employee to use mainly for commuting to and from Paso Robles.
- Eliminate a non-essential administrative position and return to pre-2017 staffing levels.
- Eliminate monthly stipends for Trustees.
- Replace the current billing service with commercially available software, which will reduce the monthly cost of billing ambulance services.

What has the Board done to implement these ideas? **Nothing.**

The current Board has failed to control spending in other areas such as legal costs, which, in the latest fiscal year, are nearly *three times* the total of the year before.

As for the claim that a new tax is the only way to fund equipment needs, the proponents fail to mention Project Heartbeat, a nonprofit fund dedicated to this purpose. It was just tapped to purchase an ambulance for CCHD and currently has a balance of about \$142,000.

And once again, **not a dollar of the \$1.42 million that would be raised by this extra tax can be used to bring back the second night ambulance.**

Measure C-18 will not give the CCHD Board the fiscal discipline that it lacks.

Vote NO on C-18.

