

Argument in Favor of Measure G

Beautiful San Luis Obispo County has a bright and prosperous future if we choose to protect our water, agriculture, and tourism. Fracking, acidizing, and expanded petroleum extraction **put that future at risk.**

Measure G lets the people decide, not the oil companies.

- The oil industry has plans to expand drilling in San Luis Obispo County, if we let them.
- They use risky, energy-intensive oil extraction techniques.
- Oil operations, as well as fracking and acidizing, often require transportation and use of toxic chemicals.
- Fracking and expanded drilling pose risks to San Luis Obispo County's water, agricultural heritage, and rural character, and undermine our clean energy future.

Measure G protects our water quality and quantity.

- It bans fracking, acidizing, and expanded drilling, which endanger our groundwater, creeks and soil.
- Fracking uses large quantities of fresh water. Our limited water supplies should be conserved for local farmers and residents, not sacrificed to the oil industry.

Measure G protects our health and safety.

- Studies reveal toxic chemicals used in fracking and acidizing - and pollution from oil extraction - can cause illnesses such as cancer, birth defects, and asthma.
- Scientists have shown fracking and injection can trigger earthquakes - and we live in an already seismically active area.

Measure G protects our economic future.

- **A safe and reliable water supply is essential for a healthy economy.** Reports show:
- **Agriculture** produced \$732 million in crops, contributed \$1.87 billion to the local economy, and supported over 20,000 local jobs in 2011. 2017 crop values totaled nearly \$925 million.
- **Tourism** generated \$75 million in local tax revenue and provided another 20,000 jobs in 2017 alone.

Measure G is fair and balanced.

- It prohibits expanded drilling but allows existing oil operations to continue.
- It gives the County flexibility to protect property rights.

Vote YES on Measure G: Protect Our Water, Our Health, and Our Future.

Natalie Risner Charles Varni Karen Merriam Dale Smith

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

Argument in Favor of

Argument Against

Rebuttal to the 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) Nov. 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) their knowledge and belief.

Signed [Redacted]

Date July 19, 2018

Print Name Natalie Risner

Signed [Redacted]

Date July 19, 2018

Print Name Charles Varni

Signed [Redacted]

Date July 19, 2018

Print Name Karen Merriam

Signed [Redacted]

Date July 19, 2018

Print Name Dale Smith

Signed _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Contact person: Charles Varni

Phone # [Redacted]

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL filed by (check any of the following that apply):

- 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 SLO County

Principal Officers: Charles Varni / Natalie Risner Co-Chairs, Tobin Risner Treasurer, Cheryl Jenkins, Secretary

Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure