

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A-18

Voters who are asked to approve any new tax should start with a simple question: Is this tax really necessary?

In the case of Measure A-18, which would tax Cambrians to pay for extra full-time firefighter positions at a starting cost of \$378,000 a year, the answer is clearly “no.”

To see why, let’s look at some facts:

First, the Cambria Fire Department operated until 2016 with engine company crews of three. Can you recall any significant concerns being raised back then about the safety or effectiveness of our firefighters? We cannot. The fact is that they were doing a fine job with three-person crews.

Second, the resolution to put this measure on the ballot cited only one specific advantage of four-person crews. This is the ability to “provide aggressive interior fire attack,” with two firefighters going into a burning structure while two stay outside. But Cambria Fire can do this without the extra firefighters, because our community has not just one but two fire departments. The other one is Cal Fire, which AUTOMATICALLY responds to all fire calls in Cambria. Cal Fire has at least two firefighters (three or four in wildfire season) at its Cambria station. So even with three-person Cambria Fire crews, there will be at least five firefighters at any fire.

Third, this tax does not protect Cambria from a truly serious threat, that of catastrophic wildfire. It does not pay for clearing dead and dying trees or creating defensible space around homes and around the town as a whole. In fact, the language of Measure A-18 EXPLICITLY BARS spending the tax proceeds on anything other than three added firefighter positions.

Measure A-18 is not needed for our community’s safety. It is not needed for the safety of firefighters. We urge you to vote NO.

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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) 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 hereby state that such

argument is true and correct to the best of (insert his, her or their) his/her knowledge and belief.

Signed Thomas J. Gray

Date Feb. 19, 2018

Print Name Tom Gray

Signed [Signature]

Date 2-19-18

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Signed Brian J. Griffin

Date 2-19-18

Print Name BRIAN J. GRIFFIN

Signed Gerald A. Praver

Date 2-19-18

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Signed Beverly S. Praver

Date 2-19-18

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Bona Fide Sponsors or Proponents of the Measure

Bona Fide Association of Citizens- Name of Association: _____

Principal Officers: _____

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