Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure A-18

It is true that the Cambria Fire Department operated with three firefighters per shift prior to the awarding of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. Note the name of the grant… SAFER. FOUR person staffing per shift is deemed ADEQUATE for fire and emergency response by NFPA, FEMA and OSHA. “The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments’ abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA (NFPA 1710 and/or NFPA 1720).”

Cambrians do benefit from having CAL FIRE located within our community, and their personnel frequently assist on large scale incidents. But remember, their primary mission is the protection of California’s wildland. In the last 10 years, there have been 157 fires, within our community. 100 of those fires required other agencies to respond. Of those, 61 times Cambria Fire Department was on scene for an average of 4.46 minutes prior to receiving any assistance. That is a long time for firefighters to wait to enter a burning building and see if one of our mostly elderly community members needed rescue.

Measure A-18 is solely for funding the staffing necessary to maintain a four-person crew – 3 full-time and 1 reserve on a daily basis. We know fire is an ever-present concern, and A FOUR firefighter crew makes us SAFER. VOTE YES ON MEASURE A-18.
SIGNATURE STATEMENT

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9 of the California Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement, to be signed by each proponent and by each author, if different, of the argument. Only the first five signatures will be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Pamphlet.

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) their knowledge and belief.

Signed

Amanda Rice
Print Name Amanda Rice
Date 3/8/18

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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: ________________________________

Principal Officers: ________________________________

☐ Individual Voter Eligible to Vote on the Measure