Argument against Measure C-18

Proponents and opponents of the Measure C-18 parcel tax agree on at least one thing: The Cambria Community Healthcare District has a serious cash-flow problem and is fast running out of money.

But C-18 is not the solution. Here's why:

- The root of the CCHD's crisis is excessive administrative overhead and poor management of other operating costs. C-18 does **nothing** to deal with these problems.

- C-18 greatly exaggerates the CCHD's capital needs. In doing so, it sets the stage for wasteful spending on projects or equipment that the District can do without or can buy more cheaply. For instance, the $1.42 million it would raise for capital spending includes $500,000 to upgrade the District's Main Street medical building. There is no need to spend anything near that amount on this building, which is usable and just had a new roof installed.

- The need to replace ambulances is also grossly overstated. The District's two primary ambulances have several years of useful life ahead of them. And when the time comes to replace them (or the two back-up ambulances), the cost will not be $200,000 each, as C-18 proponents claim. The most recently purchased ambulance, for instance, cost **just $38,700.**

- C-18 will **not** restore the second nighttime ambulance.

There *is* a solution to the CCHD's fiscal crisis. The CCHD Board of Trustees has been presented with a detailed plan to bring expenses back into line with revenue *without adding a new tax*. But it has failed to enact most of the proposed cost-saving measures. The C-18 tax increase would throw money at low-priority or unneeded capital spending while the District's operating shortfall gets worse. This is like going out and buying a new car when you can't even pay the rent. We urge you to vote **No** on C-18.

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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) C-18

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

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

to be held on (insert election date) November 6, 2018 hereby state that such

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

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