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C-18 Ballot Rebuttal

Contrary to claims in the rebuttal of Measure C-18, the Cambria Community Healthcare District is not on the verge of bankruptcy. And, there is no operating shortfall projected for 2019.

Fact is, the district projects break-even operating cash flow by year-end because of cost reductions and savings the district has already achieved.. That's why Measure C-18 focuses on capital expenditures only and specifically states that no C-18 funding will go toward salaries, benefits or stipends.

There is a sunset clause in this measure. The tax will not go on indefinitely. After six years, it will no longer be in effect.

What C-18 funding will cover are vital capital expenditures: replacing high mileage ambulances, updating ambulance equipment, modernization of the healthcare facility and other capital needs.

The cost-cutting plan touted by opponents was presented over a year ago. That plan included immediate firing of Administration staff without evaluating any actual savings. But, cutting staff requires labor contract negotiations. Cost: $13,000. Hardly cost effective.

The rebuttal does not consider that ambulance operations are constantly scrutinized. Overtime has been drastically cut; the Operations Director has returned to paramedic duty and works operations around his call-outs. This produced a major reduction in wages and benefit expenses of $113,000 between 2017-18.

The Cambria Community Healthcare District has made important changes to bring spending into line with revenue. Operating costs have already been reduced, but vital capital improvements are still needed. Measure C-18 will cover these needs for the benefit of the community. Vote **YES** ON C-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
- ☑ Rebuttal to the Argument Against
- ☐ 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) their knowledge and belief.

Signed	[redacted]	Date	7/30/18
Printed Name	Shirley Bianchi		
Signed	[redacted]	Date	7/30/18
Printed Name	William C. Bianchi		
Signed	[redacted]	Date	7/30/18
Printed Name	Susan L. McDonald		
Signed	[redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	~~Robert L McDonald~~		~~7/30/18~~
Signed	[redacted]	Date	
Printed Name	Michael Caldesmood		7/31/18

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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

AUTHORIZATION BY AUTHORS OF THE DIRECT ARGUMENT TO HAVE THE REBUTTAL SIGNED BY DIFFERENT AUTHORS (Elections Code §9167 (a))

To be completed by the signer(s) of the direct argument only if the rebuttal argument is to be signed by different author(s).

The undersigned author(s) of the direct argument

☑ In Favor of Measure C-19
☐ Against Measure

at the (insert type of election) General Election

for the (insert jurisdiction) Cambria

to be held on (insert date of election) November 6, 2018

hereby authorize the following individual(s) to sign the rebuttal argument in their place:
(Print Name(s))

1. William Bianchi	2. Susan L. McDonald
3. Michael Calderwood	4.
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The signer(s) of the direct argument were: (Print Name(s))

1. Jerry Wood	2. Robert Putney
3. Mary Anne Meyer	4.
5.	

Authorized signature(s) of the signer(s) of the direct argument:

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