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Argument Against Cambria Community Healthcare District Measure A ⁶⁻²²

Cambria's Ambulance Service does an exemplary job protecting this community, and it is true that the present CCHD facility needs repairs and upgrades. However, the CCHD's own feasibility study shows that these improvements can be made to the existing facility for a fraction of the \$8.5 million it would cost to clear the site and build a replacement.

This bond issue would:

- NOT increase levels of service. We currently have two crews providing 24/7 service, and Measure A would not change that. Its funds would go only toward the building replacement, not to operations.
- NOT provide faster response time. The new building would be in the same place as the current one. In fact, response time during construction might be longer depending on where temporary housing is located. New Construction would require a much longer period of relocation for the crews.
- NOT improve safety or security for equipment or drugs. Drugs are currently kept under lock and key. We have never had incidents of theft or vandalism at CCHD. If someone was looking for drugs a facility that is occupied nearly 24/7 is not a likely target.

Housing the ambulances in a garage would NOT extend their useful life, because CCHD replaces them due to accumulated miles in service, well before rust would become a problem.

Age should not be a reason to discard and replace a building that is structurally sound (if it weren't, the CCHD Staff would not be living in it now). There are many buildings in Cambria that are as old or older and are still in use. The U.S. Capitol is 229 years old. Would you tear it down and replace it? Our State Capitol is 148 years old. Hearst Castle was built in 1919.

Vote NO on Measure A. ⁶⁻²²