

## **Rebuttal Argument in Favor of Measure E**

Don't be misled by the argument posed by opponents of Measure E, as there is too much at stake – namely the life and safety of Solano County residents.

This Board recognizes that it is time for everyone to come together to address the imminent threat of wildfire to our rural and residential neighborhoods. Devastating wildfires do not respect county lines nor city boundaries.

Your first line of defense, rural fire districts, are in the untenable position of providing fire protection with dwindling funding. Revenues are not keeping pace with the rising cost of fighting fires. Some of our rural fire districts are already in a state of crisis due to shortfalls.

These are largely volunteer departments made up of our friends and neighbors. They deserve better. When it comes to protecting life and property, we all have a responsibility to ensure our first responders have the tools and ability to do their job.

Measure E benefits from sales tax generated by those travelling in and out of Solano County. Oversight and routine audits will come with approval of Measure E. Claims to the contrary are designed to distract you from the dire need for enhanced fire protection and prevention services that could prevent the spread of wildfires into our residential neighborhoods.

Now is the time for action. Vote YES on Measure E.

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