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Argument in Favor of Measure E

With an ever-present and growing risk of wildfire that threatens our residential and rural communities, Measure E will provide enhanced wildfire prevention and protection to all of Solano County's residents.

The effect of prolonged drought conditions and extreme weather has increased the occurrence of wildfire in Solano County. The fuel load is high, with dead trees and tinder dry conditions providing the perfect ingredients for a disastrous wildfire to start in our open space and bear down on our cities. This is what happened during the 2020 LNU Lightning Complex Fire that killed two Solano County residents, leveled 309 homes, destroyed thousands of livestock and family pets and forced the evacuations of Travis Air Force Base and portions of Fairfield and Vacaville.

A 2022 Solano County Civil Grand Jury report stated: "Solano County Is Not Prepared for Future Emergencies."

It is time to dedicate additional money and resources to address the challenges we face in Solano County. Wildfire does not respect county lines or city boundaries and revenues dedicated to wildfire prevention are shrinking.

Measure E will provide an estimated $9,000,000 annually to support fire prevention and protection efforts across Solano County. It will provide additional fire response, including equipment and support programs, to improve 9-1-1 response times, thereby saving life and property.

Measure E will reduce the risk of wildfires threatening residential neighborhoods from rural areas by providing enhanced fire protection services to prevent the spread of fires into cities. Revenues will be used to create and maintain rural and city firebreaks and reduce dead trees and weeds in public open spaces.

We strongly urge you to vote YES on Measure E.

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