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ASSESSMENT

MEASURE

This proposal does not continue the Wildfire Prevention Advisory District(WPAD). This creates an open-ended Mello-Roos Community Benefit District(CBD).

The Mello-Roos Tax may only be used for Fire "protection" and "suppression" services- Not "prevention" (Gov.Code 53313). There is a big difference.

AS THE CITY INDICATES

The Measure does not meet CEQA requirements and no EIR has been conducted. Over the past 10 years close to \$20 million dollars of the WPAD funds were improperly used to augment the Assessment Tax(LLAD) in maintaining City property. This proposal continues that ruse.

Clearly, the legal responsibility of maintaining fire-safe City parks and roadways lies with the City-Not Special Tax Districts.

The worst offenders are the large heavy wooded, brush-laden "public" and non-profit properties- all are exempt under this new Mello-Roos CBD. Eliminating them is ludicrous, they're the most likely to erupt in a wildfire.

All Fire Inspections are under the Muni Code, paid from the General Fund- Not a special Tax.

The Citizen Advisory Committee- appointed by the City- has no teeth or authority.

Vegetation Management- What is that exactly (see Exhibit 1, Description of Services)? What are they talking about? At best, it is a bare minimal clearing of City land at the "homeowners" expense. How many times must we pay for the same Park and Road maintenance?

Park maintenance is a responsibility of all Oaklanders- not just the hill residents.

A "NO" Vote does not mean the City is allowed to cease Park and Road maintenance, discontinue the use of Goats, nor abandon other means of keeping their property Fire-Safe. It is the City's legal obligation.

VOTE NO! Paying a Tax does not prevent fires!

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✓ Argument Against
Rebuttal to Argument Against

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