FIRE TAX

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

THE FIRE TAX - "BOONDOGGLE"

Unquestionably this *is* a high risk fire area - One would have to be a fool to live in this area and not be concerned about fires.

The Tax advocates are correct - the 1991 conflagration *did* jump Highway 24's eight lanes, Lake Temescal *and* Highway 13. However, not carried by "dense brush", trees or weeds (growing in the highway or the Lake waters), but driven by hot (101°) October, Diablo wind gusts exceeding 65 mph.

Additionally, very narrow winding roads, choked with on-street parking, blocked Fire Trucks - Not "Dense Brush!" as Tax supporters erroneously claim.

Clearly, this "New Tax" proposal simply does not meet the District's Fire Protection and Suppression needs:

- Can the Tax be used for Firemen, or used to suppress or extinguish fires - No!
- Can the Tax be used for firetrucks, fire fighting equipment or firehouses - No!
- Can the Tax be used for extra water supplies for hills fires - No!
- Can the Tax be used for widening roads for better emergency access or to create escape routes - No!
- Can the Tax be used for emergency communications equipment or other emergency vehicles - No!
- Does the Tax "exempt" all the, heavily wooded, brush laden, public and non-profit properties - Yes!
- Does the Tax reduce your Fire Insurance Policy cost - No!
- Does the City of Oakland have a serious viable emergency plan - No!

The Tax money may only be used for controlling weeds on City property, already paid for by our regular property taxes and the LLAD Tax.

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The undersigned author(s) who submitted the **original** argument (in favor of / or against) Measure Fire Tax to be voted on at the **City of Oakland Special Municipal Election** to be held on **November 13, 2013** authorize the following individuals to sign the rebuttal argument in their place:

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1. DAVID E. MIX *Printed Name*	David E. Mix *Signature*	8-26, 2013 *Date*
2. _____ *Printed Name*	_____ *Signature*	_____ *Date*
3. _____ *Printed Name*	_____ *Signature*	_____ *Date*
4. NANCY S. SIDNEY HAM *Printed Name*	_____ *Signature*	8/26/13 *Date*
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