

Parlier Utility User Tax

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Arguments in support of the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Dear Parlier Residents,

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In the last year, we've seen a number of communities destroyed by sudden, unforeseen California wildfires. Our City is as vulnerable to these catastrophic events as were those communities. Unfortunately, the City has suffered significant revenue shortages over the past decade that threaten our ability to fund fire protection services among others. I support Measure K, so the City can continue to provide the citizens of Parlier with essential City services, including fire protection service. This measure will provide funding for multiple services throughout Parlier, none more important than fire protection.

For example, all Cal Fire personnel are also Emergency Medical Technicians. Because 68% of the calls Cal Fire receives are medical, Cal Fire personnel are vital to the safety of the City and our residents. Despite the financial challenges to the City's ability to pay for these and other essential services, Cal Fire's dedicated firemen and women have continued to provide the City with firefighters 365 days a year, ensuring the wellbeing of our community. If Measure K does not pass, the City will be forced to divert funds from other essential services to provide fire protection and the cost for those services will increase significantly.

Measure K will be voted on during the November 6, 2018 election. **I encourage you to vote "Yes."** Measure K taxes electric, natural gas, and telecommunication services, but every person will pay only according to their own use, which is a fair way to help pay for these essential services. The importance of this measure, and the importance of the services to which it will contribute, cannot be understated. For the safety of our community and our families, vote "Yes" on Measure K.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned author of the Primary Argument in Favor Ballot Measure K at the Statewide General Election for the City of Parlier to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby states that this argument is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

Date

8/15/18

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