

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors

AGENDA NO. 6.C.

FROM: Jerry Gruber, General Manager

Meeting Date: February 22, 2018

Subject: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BALLOT ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS AT THE JUNE 5, 2018 ELECTION, SIGNATORIES OF SAME, AND DIRECT STAFF WITH RESPECT TO REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors discuss and consider approval of the attached Argument in Favor of Measure (the "Argument") to be submitted to the qualified voters at the June 5, 2018 Statewide Direct Primary Election. In the event of approval, staff further recommends that Board discuss and consider who will sign the Argument and direct staff with respect to rebuttal arguments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact identified with approval and submission of the Argument.

DISCUSSION:

At its February 8, 2018 public hearing, the Board approved a Resolution ordering the submission of a proposed Ordinance to the voters for a special tax to fund three (3) full time Firefighters. The Board assigned the Emergency Services Ad Hoc Committee (consisting of Directors Wharton and Pierson) to work with Fire Chief Hollingsworth to draft an Argument in Favor of Measure for the Board's review, which is due to be filed with the County Elections Official no later than February 28, 2018. The attached Argument is at the exact limit of 300 words.

Should the Board approve the Argument, the Board will need to determine who will sign it (e.g., the entire Board, individual members of the Board, the Emergency Services Ad Hoc Committee, the Fire Chief, etc.). The attached Signature Statement will need to be included with the Argument when submitted to the County Elections Official and the first five signatures will appear on the ballot.

If the County receives an argument against the measure, then the rebuttal argument process would begin. Pursuant to Election Code 9285, when an argument in favor and an argument against a measure have been submitted, the elections official will notify the authors of those arguments in order for them to prepare and submit rebuttal arguments. Rebuttal arguments may not exceed 250 words. The rebuttal arguments must be filed with the County Elections Official by March 12, 2018. The Board could appoint an ad hoc committee to prepare the rebuttal argument, should it become necessary. However, it would be appropriate for the full Board to discuss whether it prefers to allow the ad hoc committee to submit the final rebuttal argument to the County Elections Official or whether it prefers to call a special meeting prior to

the rebuttal submittal deadline to consider and approve the argument. Calling a special meeting of the Board to consider and approve the argument would allow all five Board members to sign the rebuttal argument, if desired. If the Board chooses not to call a special meeting and simply assigns an ad hoc committee to prepare and submit the rebuttal argument, then the signatures would be limited to the two Board Members assigned to the ad hoc committee. The authors of the primary arguments may also choose to authorize in writing any other person or persons to prepare, submit, or sign the rebuttal argument.

Attachment:

- Revised Argument in Favor of Ballot Measure
- Signature Statement

BOARD ACTION: Date _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____

UNANIMOUS: ___ RICE ___ BAHRINGER ___ FARMER ___ WHARTON ___ PIERSON _____