

NAPA COUNTY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ACT



As recent events have demonstrated, Napa County faces increasingly severe wildfire seasons and drought conditions that threaten our families, homes, communities and agriculture. Meanwhile, the organizations that protect us from wildfire and safeguard our open spaces and drinking water need stable, long-term funding. Without reliable resources, wildfire prevention and resilience efforts risk falling short just as the need is greatest. Our creeks, lakes and reservoirs must be protected from sedimentation, pollution, overuse and wildfire damage, and without stronger wildfire protections and reducing the risk in our area, insurance companies will cancel more policies or charge significantly more for fire insurance.

PROVIDING RELIABLE RESOURCES TO PROTECT EVERY NAPA COUNTY COMMUNITY

A group of local Napa residents is proposing a one-half cent sales tax that would generate approximately \$23 million annually for 18 years. The wildfire prevention and open space measure would provide a dedicated source of locally controlled funding to support three critical goals, all aimed at making Napa County a safer, more resilient community for residents, businesses and visitors:



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS Reducing wildfire risk by removing dry brush, dead trees and other fire hazards, establishing and maintaining firebreaks, fire-safe evacuation routes and more.



WATERSHED PROTECTION Protecting the quality and quantity of drinking water by preserving land around lakes, rivers and streams, safeguarding reservoirs and watersheds from wildfire damage, contamination, restoring creeks and wetlands, and more.



OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION Maintaining open space for hiking, biking and recreation, managing lands to preserve native species, protect wildlife corridors, reduce wildfire danger and more.

LOCAL CONTROL AND FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIRED



All funds would remain under local control and could not be taken by the state or federal government



Citizen oversight, annual independent audits and public reporting would be required



Funds could only be spent on Wildfire Preparedness, Watershed Protection and Open Space preservation, as outlined in the detailed Expenditure Plan written into the measure



Essential purchases such as groceries, prescription medicine, diapers and feminine hygiene products are exempt from sales tax



WHAT THIS MEASURE MEANS FOR THE NAPA VALLEY

- City parks and trails qualify for funding
- Every city's and community's Community Wildfire Protection Plan is eligible for this funding
- Protects the watersheds and reservoirs that supply drinking water to cities and communities — including Lake Hennessey, Milliken, Bell Canyon, Kimball, Friesen Lakes and Rector Reservoir
- Protects land inside and outside of city limits, safeguarding critical infrastructure and dense neighborhoods
- Stronger wildfire protections send a clear signal to insurers that Napa County is serious about resilience — helping prevent policy cancellations and keeping premiums from rising



WHY WE CAN WIN



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Polling Support



\$270,000+
Raised



210+
Endorsements



5,500
of 7,300 Signatures
Needed (75%)

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