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Fwd: Prop 90 Comments From EDH Fire and Rescue FPD

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Hello Supervisors Hidahl, Frentzen, and Ranalli,

I understand that Prop 90 is going to be reviewed in a report from the CAO's office at the Oct 24th meeting. Unfortunately I have a commitment related to the JPA Ambulance that I cannot get out of, so I will not be able to attend and offer comments, but please consider these concerns from El Dorado Hills and Rescue Fire Departments.

We fully understand that the BOS feels Prop 90 is a mechanism to bring in more new people into the County by offering them the ability to transport their much lower property tax with them when they purchase a home here. Once here in the County I believe the thought process is that these new people will spend money on upgrading their home, or purchasing things within El Dorado County therefore increasing the jobs in the County & subsequently the sales tax that the County receives which will offset the loss of property tax revenue, so it's easy to understand the County's motivation, but I don't think the Board has considered all of the unintended consequences of this proposition.

From an Emergency Services perspective my issues with Prop 90 are these;

1. Who do we attract with this benefit. Answer... Older (retired) home owners that made a fortune selling their bay area home, and are likely already, or will soon be on Medicare. I know this because the majority of my neighbors in Blackstone already fit this exact demographic. As you are very aware this demographic equals higher EMS demand on your Fire Agencies, and JPA Ambulance. Additionally, as you also know when these patients are transported by the Ambulance the financial reimbursement from Medicare is minimal equaling pennies on the dollar. Do we need to attract this demographic when El Dorado County is **ALREADY** the **OLDEST** County in the State with the highest percentage of people on Medicare? Where is the benefit to Fire and EMS, or even the County for that matter?
2. At a recent street party in Blackstone I asked everyone that fit the demographic of older, retired, downsizer transplants (by far the vast majority of my neighbors) if they would have purchased their new home in EDH without

this benefit, and **ALL** stated that they knew nothing about Prop 90 until after they purchased their home, so it did not, and would not have made a difference.

3. I also know that, due to many years of, let's call it an unfriendly business atmosphere in El Dorado County we really have nothing to offer locally in the form of concentrated high end shopping, so the vast majority of my neighbors, and most everyone else I know from El Dorado Hills, Latrobe, and Rescue takes the short drive to Folsom for most of their shopping needs, so again no real sales tax benefit to El Dorado County, though Folsom is making a killing!!!
4. **And the big kicker...** What concerns me the most is this... We who live **strictly off of property tax revenue** (your Fire Agencies) are directly hurt by this program. For us that don't benefit from sales tax, the math is simple – less property tax revenue, plus increased demand with more structures, and a more “vulnerable” population to protect equals totally unfair. This just doesn't seem right, and I would bet, considering the increased demand for services and low Medicare reimbursement rate that this program is also a losing proposition for the County, especially with the majority of sales tax money going down the freeway to benefit Folsom. If you don't believe me on this, all anyone has to do is take a look at the consistent back-up of traffic coming from El Dorado County into Folsom on the West bound off ramp from HWY 50 to Bidwell.

Just my thoughts. Please share this with your peers.

Thanks you! I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Dave Roberts – Fire Chief

Serving the Communities of El Dorado Hills, Rescue and Latrobe

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did!

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