

## **REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE P**

### **LAGUNA BEACH UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING AND FIRE SAFETY MEASURE**

As longtime Laguna Beach residents, we see the critical need for Measure P to underground dangerous utility lines on Laguna Canyon Road and key evacuation routes that threaten our safety.

The “new normal” of increased wildfire risks is clear from recent California fires that have claimed lives and destroyed property, many of which were started by downed power lines. CalFire includes over 90% of Laguna in the highest risk fire zone.

In the last 10 years there have been at least six fires in our City caused by overhead utilities. A wind gust easily could have turned any of these fires into deadly infernos. We cannot rely on blind luck.

Measure P provides funds to underground Laguna Canyon Road and key evacuation routes for Top of the World, Arch Beach Heights, Bluebird Canyon and North and South Laguna neighborhoods and will enhance safety at our neighborhood schools.

We must take action to address the danger from overhead utilities to reduce our fire risk and better protect our homes, businesses and families.

Let’s not wait for a repeat of the 1993 fire to act! Opponents claim this a “fire and fear” campaign but offer no reasonable alternatives. We know Measure P is a common sense solution.

Measure P is smart because visitors who use our services will pay most of the cost to make us all safer.

Fire experts agree, Measure P is a sound plan for undergrounding dangerous utilities. Our community cannot wait.

Vote YES on Measure P to protect Laguna!

The undersigned author(s) or authorized signer(s) of the Rebuttal To Argument Against Ballot Measure P "Laguna Beach Utility Undergrounding and Fire Safety Measure" at the Statewide General Election for the City of Laguna Beach to be held on November 6, 2018 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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