

## REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

### Vote NO on F

Don't be fooled. Measure F is not what has been presented.

Fact: The new Humboldt County Taxpayers League (HCTL) believes those that can least afford a tax or assessment should not be burdened by inefficiencies of the Arcata Fire District.

Fact: AFD measure states "the new-state-of-the-art fire station would remain open only part time and without full-time firefighters coverage, putting McKinleyville and the larger community at risk." This is INCORRECT. The AFD chose to punish and play Russian roulette with the McKinleyville fire station when it could have closed the Mad River station or rotated the two Arcata Stations.

Fact: AFD misrepresented the total annual charge for a Single family residence as \$118. ACTUALLY, it would be \$206 per residence. A mobile home assessment as stated is \$90 when ACTUALLY it would be \$171.

Fact: If you live in Eureka the fire assessment for a residence or mobile home is \$0. AFD could instead have a sales tax such as in Eureka where those who can afford can pay and those on Social Security pay next to nothing.

Fact: AFD does not even have 4 volunteer firefighters qualified for necessary tasks yet nearly all small fire districts have more.

Fact: Both times the voters have rejected this assessment the claim that insurance rates would go up was false.

The HCTL has supported various tax measures including the original AFD tax assessment but cannot recommend measure F.

Please vote NO on F.

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