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KINGS COUNTY ELECTIONS

**Argument Against the Kings County Fire and Emergency Services Initiative**

As we go to the polls this June, the residents of Kings County are faced with the Kings County Fire and Emergency Services Initiative, a county-wide sales tax increase with no sunset clause. The Libertarian Party of Kings County opposes this measure, just as would oppose any new tax or tax increase. It is incumbent on the elected County Board of Supervisors to keep their fiscal house in order and maintain a budget in accordance with the revenue expected to come in with current taxes and tax rates. This should include paying for needed emergency services, including the fire department. However, the Kings County Firefighters Local 3747 public employee union has decided to come to the people asking for more money instead of negotiating with the Board of Supervisors regarding their perceived needs.

If it passed, this tax initiative would only provide funding to the Kings County Fire Department. Municipal fire departments, such as the Hanford Fire Department and the Lemoore Fire Department would not get additional funding. Yet, residents of Hanford and Lemoore would pay a higher tax rate on goods sold within those cities. Funds generated within the cities of Hanford and Lemoore would not be used to increase the level of service of those local fire departments. This initiative would not provide funds to other public safety departments within Kings County. All of the funds would go to the Kings County Fire Department. Additionally, because there is no sunset clause this tax increase would not end without a campaign to repeal it.

We urge you to VOTE NO on the Kings County Fire and Emergency Services Initiative on June 7!



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Ballot measure letter \_\_\_\_\_, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on  
June 7, 2022 in the County of Kings, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of  
 his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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