

Many voters remember signing the petition for this citizens' initiative. Thousands of voters throughout Kings County have rallied in support of this cause to provide a higher level of safety for our citizens.

The Kings County Fire Department is operating on a budget that has not seen a substantial increase in many years. As a result, it remains severely understaffed with only two firefighters at most Fire Stations. This is well below the 4 firefighters per engine that is standard for safe operation. In addition to inadequate staffing, its engine fleet is outdated and carries aging life-saving equipment. The department has many engines over 20 years old. The County Fire stations are also lacking in technological and structural upgrades.

County Firefighters respond daily to every community in Kings County including Hanford, Lemoore, Avenal, Corcoran, Armona, Hardwick, and Stratford.

A Yes vote would provide:

- Increased staffing at Fire Stations
- The purchase of modern fire apparatus to replace our aging fleet
- Upgrades to radios and other life-saving equipment
- Relocation of aging stations to have faster response times.
- Cancer screenings for firefighters
- Lower cost of home insurance due to increased capabilities of the Fire Department.

This measure will come with iron clad taxpayer protections, including:

- An oversight committee comprised of Citizens and Firefighters to ensure that funds are being used for needed upgrades in the Fire Department
- The funds cannot be spent on any other County projects not related to the Fire Department.
- Non-supplementary language, meaning by law nobody can restrict the Department's current budget upon passing this initiative

Our community prides itself on coming together to support those in need. Today it is the Fire Department that is in desperate need of help.

This Initiative has no political party affiliation and is being supported by democrats and republicans.

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Ballot Argument Signature Statement

The Kings County Elections Department requires this statement be completed and submitted with the argument. Names and titles listed will be printed in the order provided, and will appear as indicated. In addition, no more than 5 names may be printed following the written argument statement in the County Voter Information Guide.

Argument/Rebuttal Filed by (Check any of the following that apply)

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 Argument Against
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 Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter _____, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on

_____ 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.

Each person must clearly print and sign as indicated below. Printing will be in the order as submitted.

	Print Name Clearly	Print Title and Name of Organization	Signature	Date
1	Robert Mustain	Kings County Firefighters	[Signature]	3-25-22
2	JARROB PARROTTA	Kings County Firefighters	[Signature]	3-25-22
3	Stephen Woodcock	Kings County Fire Fighters	[Signature]	3-25-22
4	Brent Montgomery	Kings County Firefighters	[Signature]	3-25-22
5	Christopher Ospital	Kings County Firefighters	[Signature]	3-25-22