Argument Against Measure I

This is a new tax, directly taxing property owners only, without charging visitors for the costs of services. For most owners, this is TRIPLE TAXATION, without existing tax relief. This new tax would bust through spending limits and would increase each year, without our vote! Most in Big Bear Valley already pay a special parcel tax just for fire services, plus our general tax levy. We should not allow this third tax, on top of existing taxes.

This business killing measure endangers real estate prices, jobs and will raise rents. This new tax also provides for SELLING BONDS, which is DEBT SPENDING and another form of taxes. This measure also increases LIABILITY for retirement benefits, which our small community must pay. The new taxes will mean most local owners and renters would pay MORE for fire services than Fawnskin, which uses County Fire Department.

A yes vote creates a MELLO-ROOS tax district all the way from the Big Bear dam across the furthest part of the east valley: City of Big Bear Lake, Big Bear City, Sugarloaf, Baldwin Lake, Erwin Lake and Lake Williams, except Fawnskin which uses County Fire and the existing, stable tax structure. This Mello-Roos tax must be fully reported to buyers, whenever the property is sold. With a $7,000,000 or 44% increase in spending, this measure is an irresponsible tax and spend measure; and can be spent for any purpose, including administration pay increases.

The authorities refuse to look at less expensive alternatives, but only want more tax money. Agencies should operate within their means, just as our families live within our means. We have heard promises before, just like the gasoline taxes and DMV fee increases. Enough is Enough!

Reject new taxes. Vote NO on measure I

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ballot measure I (*Measure Letter*) at the 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY (*Title of Election*) election for the BIG BEAR CFD No. 2019-1 (*Jurisdiction*) to be held on 3-3-2020 (*Date of Election*) hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of THEIR (*his/her/their*) knowledge and belief.

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