### NAPA COUNTY - MEASURE "D"

#### ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE "D"

Measure "D" prevents private helicopter and helicopter taxi service takeoffs and landings in Napa county as they have established themselves in other parts of the country which failed to prevent them in time.

Measure "D" eliminates noisy, accident-prone helicopter takeoffs and landings in our neighborhoods. Per FAA statistics, 37% of crashes occur within 1 mile from a heliport. From January 2017 to March 11, 2018 there were at least 24 U.S. civilian crashes with 50 fatalities. Many more caused injuries, fires and property damage below.

Sacrificing accident risk at neighborhoods for the convenience of the wealthy is unwise when airports in Napa and Angwin are available and equipped to respond to nearby crashes. With no heliports in residential neighborhoods, there will be no need to disclose their proximity when selling a home.

Measure "D" does not regulate helicopter traffic anywhere but will prohibit the transport of consultants, executives, tourists and others to vineyards unless they are essential to the conduct of an aerial agricultural production operation or a landing is otherwise unavoidable.

Law enforcement and emergency services may land anytime, anywhere.

A single private helipad application has consumed over 1,031 hours of staff time, nearly 20% of the 2017 Planning Commission's hearings and thousands of hours of neighbors defending their peace and quiet. There are much more important community issues for the County's time and resources.

As precious individual property rights are, they must also respect the right of neighbors to their peaceful enjoyment of their properties. This is what our valley has always been about and worth keeping that way.

Quiet, safe neighborhoods preserve the unique ambience of our valley, our property values and our collective quality of life.

Let's preserve the treasure while we can: Vote YES on "D".

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Vote NO on Measure D.

Measure D is a poorly written solution in search of a non-existent problem that puts public safety and finances at substantial risk in Napa County.

Measure D is flawed, misleading, and creates liability for Napa County citizens. An analysis conducted by the Napa County Board of Supervisors concluded that "there is a significant risk that, if enacted, the proposed Initiative, or portions of it, would be vulnerable to being legally challenged and invalidated." An independent report determined that Measure D "would create ambiguities that are potentially vulnerable to a constitutional vagueness challenge." Napa County taxpayers could be on the hook to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars if the County is forced to defend against lawsuits, resulting in less money for our schools, libraries, police and fire.

Measure D limits helicopter landing sites. Due to Measure D's ambiguity, helicopter operators providing essential services may be restricted from landing on private property in Napa County if Measure D is approved. When emergencies occur operators need flexibility to conduct their mission effectively.

**Measure D is unnecessary.** Measure D's proponents falsely claim that there are too many helicopters and airplanes in Napa County. Napa County **does not** have a helicopter or an airplane problem. The County has processed only one application for a private helipad in the last 33 years.

**Measure D negatively impacts everyone in Napa County.** If Measure D is approved, utility contractors, like those working for PG&E, won't be able to use helicopters to replace power poles or service lines just as they successfully did after the October fires.

**Measure D attacks agriculture**. Napa County is an agricultural community. Measure D unfairly places additional burdens on Napa County's farmers and ranchers.

Reject this unnecessary and risky use of the local initiative process.

Vote NO on Measure D.

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