

Argument in support of Measure AH

Measure AG, an "Initiative to Add a Temporary Half-Cent Sales Tax to Fund Facilities in Mendocino County to Assist in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health and Drug Dependency" has qualified for the ballot. Due to a drafting error, an enacting clause was inadvertently omitted.

Measure AH, (which provides the enacting clause that is needed to implement Measure AG) was added to the ballot by unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously urges a yes vote for Measure AG and a yes vote for Measure AH.

It is important to note that Measure AG raises funds to develop facilities, but does not provide a detailed description of those facilities or the services that will be provided. Measure AG specifically prohibits using any of the funds for staffing.

The Board of Supervisors is committed to working with the proponents of Measure AG, the Measure AG oversight committee, and other community stakeholders to assure that the funds are spent to develop the right facilities that will provide the services that are most needed. Any funds not needed for initial facility development will be held in trust for maintenance of the facilities so they do not fall into disrepair.

The Board of Supervisors is equally committed to exploring all available funding options to assure that staffing of the facilities will be economically sustainable. Working in partnership with community stakeholders, including our current contractor for mental health services, we are confident that the ways and means to properly fund these facilities will be identified.

Vote "YES" on Measure AG to provide facilities for improved diagnosis and treatment of mental health and drug dependency in Mendocino County.

Vote "YES" on Measure AH to adopt the enacting clause that is needed to implement Measure AG.

See website for more information.

