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**From:** Cheryl Maricich [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 4:05 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** I vote No

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I vote no on the proposed sales tax increase a big No

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Joey Jordan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 8:47 PM  
**To:** BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Re: proposed "FIRE" tax

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Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to support this tax—I feel it's not just urgent but emergent that the county steps into its responsibility of vegetation mitigation. Polling has indicated residents are eager to support vegetation mitigation and many, myself included, feel this can has been kicked down the road for far too long. I want to support a tax for vegetation mitigation and I want to help others to understand the necessity of supporting it.

That said, I feel it is the number one responsibility of the county to **do no harm**. Words matter. And the current wording of this proposed tax measure is disingenuous and misleading. The current wording will harm our local fire districts.

For the past several weeks—since the Terry MacAteer/Susan Rogers campaign to line up speakers in support of this proposed tax measure sprung into high gear, I have been the recipient of numerous emails and phone calls asking me for help in drafting comments and comment letters. 100% of those who contacted me shared their delight that this tax would provide funding to support local fire agencies.

Perception is reality. One needs to look no further than the RL Crabb Facebook post sharing his recent cartoon on the subject. Nowhere in his cartoon did he use the words "fire tax", yet nearly every comment in response used those exact words. The perception of this proposed tax is that it will provide desperately needed funding to local fire districts. It does not. Not one cent. Yet, the perception based on comments of fairly informed citizens suggest this tax would staff stations, increase the number of firefighters, and increase benefits and salaries of fire professionals.

The county needs to acknowledge that words indeed matter. It needs to remove the suggestion and the impression that fire agencies benefit from this tax proposal. It needs to title it for that which it is intended—Vegetation Mitigation.

It feels like an easy fix. Make it clear that fire districts don't get this money. Not one dime.

A good deal of the confusion may come from the Response section that mentions fire hand crews. The county is not in the fire business and therefore has no ability to train, certify, supervise and/or manage fire personnel. Since the county isn't in the fire business to whom, specifically, would the \$1.8M go?

Unless and until the county is willing to articulate a solid plan defining exactly who would receive the proposed \$1.8M referenced as fire hand crews, any suggestion that hand crews will respond to fires needs to be removed. *I will not speak to the implications of this line item.* The county can surely pass this measure without implying it funds fire resources.

Although few understand how local fire districts are funded, Nevada County does not provide funding for fire protection. The county has been historically unwilling to fund local fire districts, even those that are insolvent. Citizens are unaware of this reality and continually suggest to local district boards that they appeal to the county for more tax money to meet growing financial challenges. The wording of this measure adds further confusion to this misunderstanding and, intentionally or unintentionally, leads voters to believe such a measure would provide support to fire districts. This makes the already difficult task of passing district wide tax measures to increase staffing less likely and is **not collaborative**.

Do. No. Harm.

I ask that you not move forward with this necessary and important tax measure until you have addressed the concerns I have listed. I humbly ask for your no vote today to allow time to properly prepare this proposed tax initiative, taking into concern all who would be harmed by the current wording.

Joey Jordan

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area, obscuring the name and any handwritten notes or dates.

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**From:** Robin Davies [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 5:33 PM  
**To:** Dan Miller  
**Cc:** Alison Lehman; BOS Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fw: Ready Nevada County: Preparing For the Future Sales Tax Measure  
**Attachments:** GV Chamber District 3 Ready Nevada County Sales Tax.pdf; GVDA District 3 Ready Nevada County Sales Tax.pdf; Signatures supporting concern-Ready Nevada County Proposed Sales Tax .pdf

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Dear Dan, Apologies for sending our original note to you without the attachments.

Thanks and.....

Warmest Regards,

*Robin*

Robin Galvan-Davies

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**From:** Robin Davies [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2022 5:29 PM  
**To:** Dan Miller <dan.miller@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Cc:** Alison.Lehman@co.nevada.ca.us <Alison.Lehman@co.nevada.ca.us>; Julie Patterson Hunter County Clerk <bos.publiccomment@co.nevada.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Ready Nevada County: Preparing For the Future Sales Tax Measure

Dear Supervisor Miller,

We are very much in favor of Wildfire Prevention, but have concerns about the measure that you will consider on Tuesday, August 9th.

Attached are the letters from the Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Grass Valley Downtown Association, noting our concerns, and the signatures of 75 merchants, business owners, and community residents in support of the concerns.

Thank you for all that you do to serve the needs of Nevada County, and your dedication to meeting the priorities set to preserve our quality of life.

Our organizations appreciate the opportunity to share our perspectives.

Warmest Regards,

*Robin*

Robin Galvan-Davies





Dan Miller, Supervisor, District 3  
Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

August 8, 2022

RE: Preparing For the Future: Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services and Disaster Readiness Measure

Dear Supervisor Miller,

The Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce is grateful that as we approach the fire season, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Objectives has Emergency Preparedness set as a priority. We are very much in favor of Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness, and commend your attention to this peril that threatens our community. We do, however, have concerns about the above noted measure and the proposed method of funding.

Having learned about this measure on July 14<sup>th</sup>, we immediately reached out to colleague organizations in West and East County to ascertain their knowledge of this measure. All but one had no knowledge the Ready Nevada County's Preparing For the Future: Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services and Disaster Readiness Measure. Given the lack of engagement with our organizations and the public at large prior to that date, we feel that there has not been a meaningful opportunity to engage in public discussion.

Our organization's concerns mirror those of the Grass Valley Downtown Association in terms of this measure's impact on the retail economy, and we are unable to support this measure as it is written..

The following are some of our areas of concern:

- Monies collected from a general tax cannot be legally bound to a predetermined use.
- The language of the measure is vague, proposed policies and programs with quantifiable metrics are not outlined.
- No economic impact study has been done.
- This measure would directly increase housing, workforce housing, and affordable housing construction costs.
- There is no sunset date proposed in this measure.
- Lack of specificity regarding ballot and program language and detail.
- No public engagement to date.
- Fire Response (no additional fire personnel) is not included in this measure.
- Equitable Return to Source is not included in this measure.

We respectfully request that the Supervisors table this measure, engage in a robust discussion with community partners and community stakeholders to determine the best possible method of creating a Special Tax, directed specifically toward achieving the worthy objectives of this measure.

Sincerely,

Jon Katis, Chairperson

Robin Galvan-Davies, CEO

Attachment: Signatures Supporting the Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce

**GREATER GRASS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
128 East Main Street • Grass Valley, CA 95945 • (530) 273-4667



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Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
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Our organization has a myriad of concerns in addition to the impact that this tax will have on the retail community, and we are unable to support this measure as it is written. The language of the measure is vague, proposed policies and programs with quantifiable metrics are not outlined, nor has there been a meaningful opportunity to engage in public discussion.

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*Lillie Piland*

Lillie Piland, Chairperson


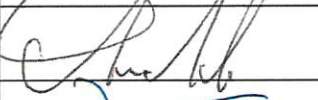
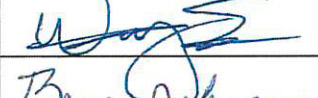
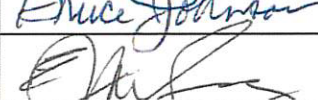
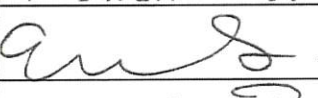


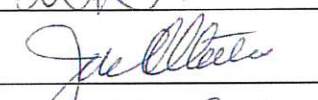
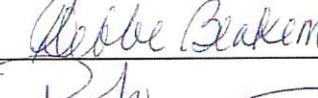
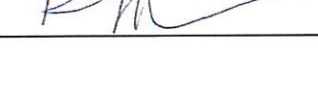

*Robin Galvan-Davies*

Robin Galvan-Davies, Executive Manager



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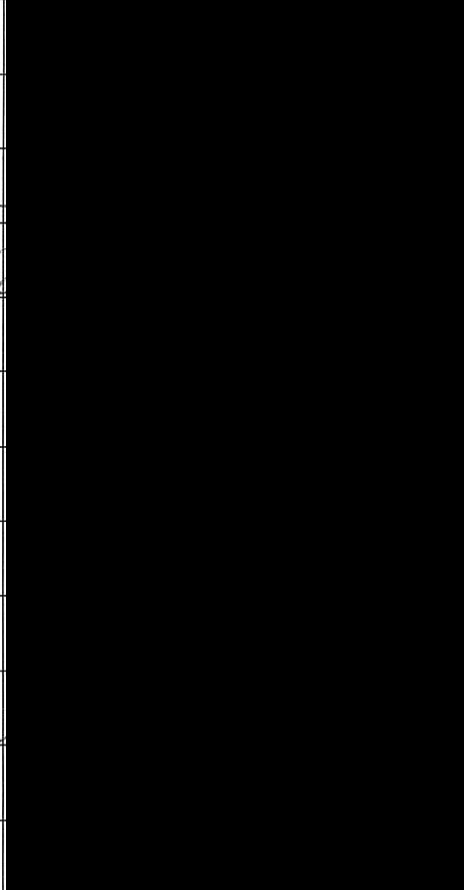


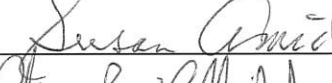


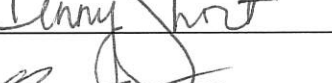

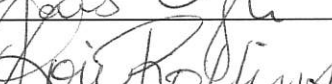
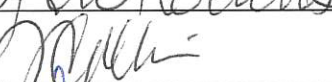
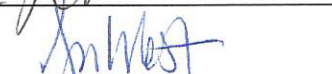
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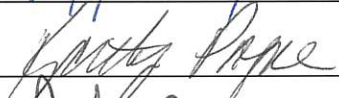



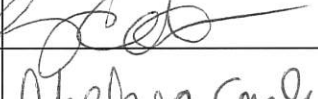
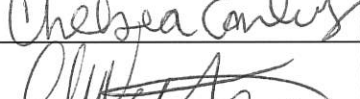


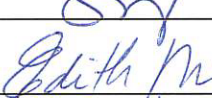
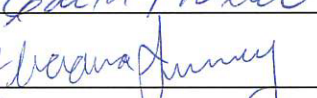

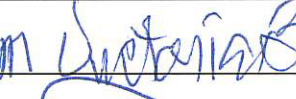





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MARC NELSON				8-3-22
Wendy Schutt				8/4/2022
BRUCE JOHNSON				8/4/22
Ed McSweeney				8/5/22
Erin Swartzenbruber				8-3-22
mark Ramos				
CRISTO HAMILTON				8-3-22
Wrynn Kohler				8-8-22
JOE KATIS				8-8-22
Debbe Blakemore				8-8-22
Randy Blakemore				8-8-22



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Lillie Piland				8/2/22	
Paula Newman				8/2/22	
KAREN LIAN				8/2/22	
Susan Amidt				8/2/22	
Cheryl Gilstob				8/2/22	
NICOLE SCHAEFER				8-2-22	
Penny Short				8-2-22	
Aldo Choro				8.2.22	
JAMES ARBAUGH				8-2-22	
LORI Rollins				Please don't do this! not at this time!	8-2-22
Johet Collins					8/2/22
Lisa West					8/2/22

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Alan Kearny				8/2/22
Kathy Payne				8/2/2022
Julie Brewer				8/2/22
Jackie Hill				8/2/22
M. Turner				8/2/22
S. Elliott				8/2/22
Chelsea Conley				8/2/22
Christina West				8/2/22
Sandy Vandellinder				8/2/22
Sarah Johnson				8/2/22
Edith Miller				8-2-22
Aliciana Swinney				8/2/22
Jeffrey Wood				8.2.22
Victoria Burman				8-3-22
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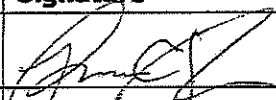
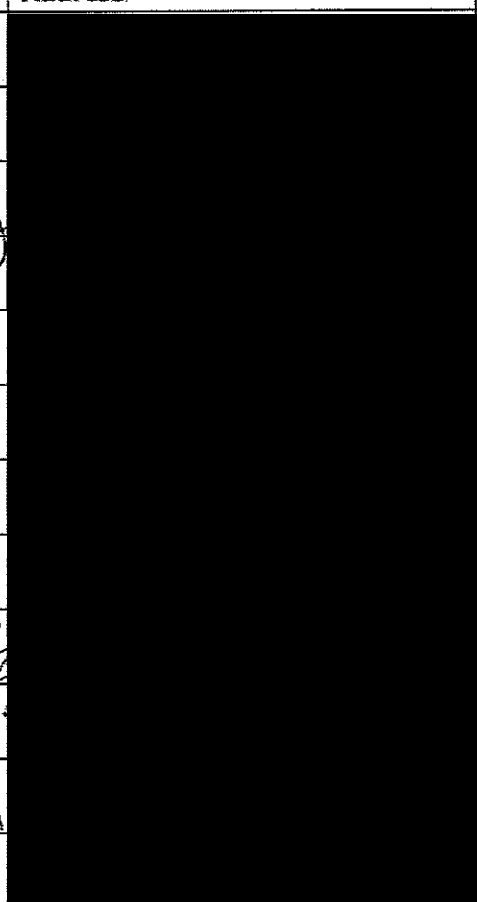
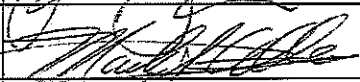
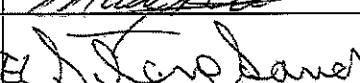
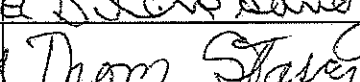
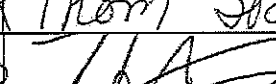


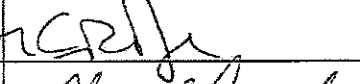
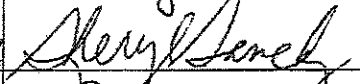
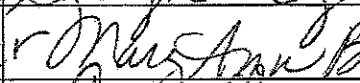
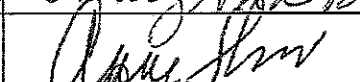
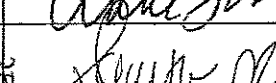


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Cassie Carola	Cassie Carola			8/3/22
Kevin Cookson	Kevin Cookson			8.3.22
Brian Gardner	Brian Gardner			8/3/22
Haven Caravelli	Haven Caravelli			8/3/22
Celina Tripp	Celina Tripp			8/3/22
Suzanne Viter	Suzanne Viter		No	8/3/22
Justin Auld	Justin Auld			8/3/22
Susanne Zock	Susanne Zock			8/3/22
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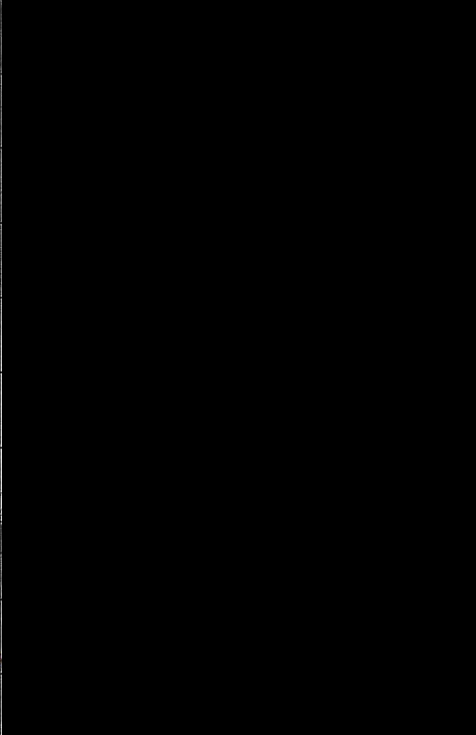
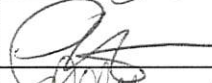
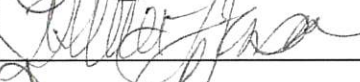
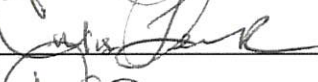


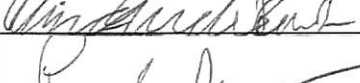
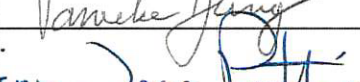
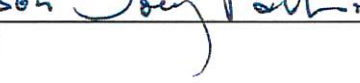
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Zachel Rogers				8/8
MARK S. ALLEN				8/8/22
STEVE SANCHEZ				8-8-2022
THOM STASER				08-08-22
NINA TOPINKO				8/3
Dan Wray				8/3
Ken Page				8/4
Sheryl Sanchez				8/5/22
Mary Ann Boyer				8/5/22
Anne Starr				8/5/22
Janesh Mandelst				
Robin Davies				
				9/08/22



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Philip ALFERNES			NEED SPECIFIC SPENDING TARGETS	8/8/22
DEDDIE JENSEN			"	8/8/22
Christine Larkin				8/8/22
Darrian Collins				8/8/22
MATTHEW COULTER			we're not going to take it, are we?	
Rhianna Grady Boush				8/8/22
PAMELA JUNG			too many loose ends will hurt local merchants	8/8/22
Sheri Joey Pattison			lack of clarity	8/8/22