

Argument Against Measure “U”

This government agency does not need this tax. Latest figures, from official documents, show that this hospital district has \$43,664,443 in reserves! Yes, Millions!

Using our tax dollars, they have paid a San Francisco campaign corporation to develop what they call a “Story of NEED”, to help pass this tax.

The slick “Story of NEED” ignores the fact the hospital is very profitable, with a surplus this year of \$6,042,868, a 9% margin! This agency is effectively a business, taking our tax money. Tens of Million\$ are skimmed off the top, going to a huge corporation in Tennessee! The hospital has “lawyered up” and refuses to show how much it pays to the out-of-state corporation.

An independent investigation found that this agency has violated the law for at least the last 10 years, by not reporting how the money is spent; and, failed to keep our tax dollars in a legally required separate bank account for the existing special tax. They promised to follow the law 10 years ago, but they didn't. Now they want us to reward them for their failures, with another \$1.2 Million per year of our hard earned money.

Despite the “Story of NEED” the corporations dreamed up, the hospital will be able to perform everything actually needed, without this tax measure. The fact that they haven't told us how they spent the money for the last 10 years, as required by law, shows that they don't care about accountability; it's about the money.

What I'm telling you are verifiable facts, not a “Story” as they have developed. A local government hospital shouldn't be a money funnel to an out-of-state corporation.

Learn more at Big Bear Taxpayers Association on Facebook.

This tax measure deserves a No vote.

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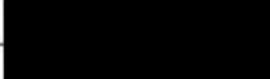


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ballot measure U at the 2024 Presidential General Election election for the
Measure Letter Title of Election

San Bernardino County / Bear Valley Community Healthcare District to be held on 11-5-2024 hereby state that this
Jurisdiction Date of Election

argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.
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Proponents/Authors: Opponents

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