

Bear Valley Community Healthcare District – 2025 MAIL BALLOT Parcel Tax Renewal Measure
Election Day: June 24, 2025

Rebuttal to the Argument Against Measure U

Don't be deceived by this opponent's angry, inaccurate, misleading statements.

Measure U is absolutely needed and continues to be a sound investment – especially if you care about access to LIFE-SAVING emergency medical care in our mountain community.

FACT: Bear Valley Community Hospital is the ONLY ER in Big Bear Valley for victims of heart attacks, strokes and other emergencies. The next full service hospital is nearly an hour away.

VOTING YES LOWERS the Hospital's tax rate for 82% of local property owners.

Historical FACTS: Big Bear Valley voters overwhelmingly approved similar hospital measures in 1994, 2003, 2014 and 2024. However, after the November 2024 measure was approved by more than 72%, an angry combatant filed a law suit. Later, the parties **agreed** that current state laws require a uniform tax rate where all property owners gets taxed the same, whether their parcels are "improved" or "unimproved." The Hospital also agreed not to levy the tax voters had approved last November. Instead, **Replacement Measure U** now seeks your support to authorize the same (uniform) payment from all property owners required by state law.

Again, Replacement Measure U LOWERS the hospital tax rate for 82% of local property owners. Without Measure U, emergency services, ER physicians , the stroke program, and others services could be cut or eliminated.

Big Bear can easily be cut off from outside help during earthquakes, fires, or other disasters. We NEED a full-service Hospital so LOCAL residents can receive medical care during emergencies like these.

Please! Support Bear Valley Community Hospital – VOTE YES on U!

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STATEMENT BY PROPONENTS/AUTHORS OF ARGUMENTS

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The undersigned proponent(s) or author(s) of the:

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- Rebuttal to the Argument In Favor of (Opponents)
- Argument Against (Opponents)
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ballot measure U at the Special ballot Measure election for the
Measure Letter Title of Election

Bear Valley Community Healthcare District to be held on 06/24/25 hereby state that this
Jurisdiction Date of Election

argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.
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