



For the past 27 years, Trinity County has been privileged with a locally staffed ambulance service: Trinity County Life Support. Due to growing financial constraints, however, the certainty of their ongoing service in the county is in grave danger.

While the ever-changing environment of healthcare is an increasingly daunting path to navigate, assuming that the financial issues faced by our local ambulance service will somehow “work themselves out” could well prove fatal, leaving you wanting when services are needed. If you are assuming someone else will “figure it out”, you may very well end up surprised at what gets figured out for you. *Not* supporting Trinity

County Life Support with a YES on Measures H & I will most likely result in an outside operation coming in to service Trinity County. A contractual agreement does not change the reality that Trinity County is remote and, as such, we will be the lowest priority on high volume days. No law of contract can create available help when help simply **is not** available.

Consider, also, the well-being of Trinity River Lumber Company, employer of over 140 Trinity County residents. Recall the deep concern we shared in the aftermath of the devastating fire, wondering whether the mill would be rebuilt the workers’ jobs preserved. Realize that a lumber mill cannot exist without a reliable ambulance service. As we breathed a collective sigh of relief when the ownership chose to further invest for the sake of the County, so now it is our turn to follow suit.

As we work to build the economic viability of Trinity County by enhancing the outdoor activities available, ask yourself, “Who would select an area for hiking, rafting, fishing, 4-wheeling, boating or camping where there is no reliable ambulance service?” The answer is clear.

Understand that Measure H creates a special district and Measure I provides the associated funding source. Both must pass simultaneously or neither go forward.

If you are *not* a landowner, you have everything to gain with nothing to lose, making a YES on both measures your obvious choice. If you *are* a landowner, as I am, then it is true: we get to carry a little more weight of responsibility for the well-being of our county and its residents. I encourage you to consider the lives of those around you as well as the health and viability of our county’s economic future and count it a privilege rather than a burden to be of support to both. Every time you hear the sirens or see a Trinity County Life Support ambulance rolling to someone in peril, you will know that *you* helped make it possible for Trinity County to move toward increased economic prosperity and, more importantly, your generosity helped someone survive their worst day.

The health of Trinity County and the lives of its residents depend on your willingness to support our local ambulance service. I urge you to join me on November 4<sup>th</sup> in voting YES on Measures H & I.

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