ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Measure "A" is about the voters' right to be a part of the decision process related to the locating and/or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities in Colusa County. Nothing more, nothing less.

We feel that there are some decisions with such far-reaching implications that a vote of the people is appropriate in addition to the decisions by various elected and appointed governmental officials.

The economic reality of today's solid waste disposal facilities is that bigger is better. For example, capacities of modern landfills range from 1,000 tons of garbage a day up to 20,000 tons of garbage a day. Colusa County generates approximately 50 tons of garbage a day. Therefore any new landfill located in Colusa County will be reliant upon virtually all of the garbage coming from outside the County. Given the potential impacts of a facility of this magnitude, not just on the current generation, but upon future generations, we feel the voters should be a part of the decision process.

The County and the Cities in the County are in the process of determining what will be the future criteria required for the locating and/or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities in Colusa County. Measure "A" will ensure that a vote of the people is part of the future decision process.

Measure "A" is not about whether you are for or against multi-county solid waste disposal facilities in Colusa County. It is not about approving or rejecting a specific disposal facility. Measure "A" is about voters having a voice in future decisions that involve the locating and/or expansion of solid waste disposal facilities in Colusa County.

Please vote Yes on Measure "A" and help ensure that the people's voice will be heard.

Don Burnett  
Pamela A. Crippen  
Mary L. Winters  
David Myers  
Paul Sankey

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

We agree. The public should have the right to vote.

The issue is "WHAT ARE YOU VOTING ON?"

Measure A says you can vote. But it says nothing about what you are voting on.

Measure A does NOT give you a vote on garbage rates...

Measure A does NOT give you a vote on cleaning up the old Evan's Road landfill...

Measure A does NOT give you a vote on any fees for the new landfills...

Measure A does NOT give you a vote for any county costs to inspect landfills...

Measure A does NOT give you a vote on any protections for groundwater...

Measure A does NOT give you a vote on any prohibition against bringing out-of-county toxics to new landfills...

Measure A is a VOTE on VOTING. That's dumb. AND A WASTE OF MONEY.

Marianne Geer  
Jacqueline Anderson  
Ron Geer  
Eric David Anderson  
Gerald H. Sartain
ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

We can do better.

The angry opponents of the CERRS landfill hastily wrote an initiative entitled "Approval of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities".

That initiative is a hurry up attempt to give people the right to vote on landfills.

They give us the right to vote and nothing else.

* They did nothing about garbage rates... which can and should be lowered an average of $150 per year per household.

* They did not include any provision for cleaning up the old Evan's Road landfill.

* They did not include any fees for the new landfills they want us to vote on... money we need for better roads and more law enforcement.

* They do not provide for any county costs to inspect landfills.

* They did not include any protections for groundwater.

* They did not include any prohibition against bringing out-of-county toxics to new landfills.

We can do better. We can do more. We should vote "NO".

Eric D. Anderson
Jacqueline M. Anderson
Gerald H. Sartain
Marianne Geer
Ron Geer

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A

The opponents of Measure "A" appear to have missed the point.

Measure "A" is not intended to address all potential current or future issues related to solid waste disposal facilities that may be proposed in Colusa County. No initiative could anticipate all these issues, as they change over time.

Measure "A" is intended to give the citizens the right to vote; "accepting" or "rejecting" the location of any new or expanded solid waste disposal facility, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances relevant at the time.

In making their decisions relative to proposed project locations, the voters will be able to weigh the potential benefits, balanced against the short-term and long-term risks.

Measure "A" gives the voters the right to vote on, and reject if they choose, the location of any solid waste disposal facility, including one that would propose to receive toxic material. Today, the voters have no such right.

Measure "A" is an important step in ensuring that the voters will have a voice in future decisions related to the location of new and/or expanded solid waste disposal facilities in Colusa County.

Given the potential far-reaching impacts of these decisions on both the current and future generations, we feel the voters should be a part of the decision process.

Please ensure your right to vote on these important issues in the future.

Please vote "Yes" on Measure "A".

Frank Jaconetti, Sr,
John R. Poyner
James W. Granzella
Timothy W. Drake
H. Raymond Charter