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Bad data cause bad decisions. The city relied on data from its lead consultant. The data was not verified but simply repeated in numerous meetings. The consultant's capabilities are now being questioned. He is accused of helping lead Stockton into bankruptcy. Google "Ex-official's hands stained with red ink" and you will question Sausalito's leaders' blind trust in his recommendations.

Taxation without representation. The 45% property tax transfer is forever, no matter the dollar amount. SMFD can reduce services and levy new parcel taxes for service and pension benefits. We have no seat on the SMFD board. Comprising only 26% of SMFD's voters, residents lack clout to override actions unfavorable to Sausalito.

The claimed \$184,000 savings is misleading. It pales by comparison to the millions of dollars in unfunded pensions that remain Sausalito's obligation – the crux of both Sausalito's and Stockton's problems.

Fire station rent statement is deceptive. SMFD will pay Sausalito only \$100,000/year rent for OUR new fire station for 30 years. This is a pittance. We are paying an average of \$660,000 for 28 years.

Consultant's projections for an independent fire department are exaggerated. Our existing agreements ensure adequate staffing. The consultant's \$1,400,000 projection assumes hiring three non-mandated onsite fire supervisors for \$300,000/year each. They are not needed for medical emergencies - Sausalito's principal need. National data indicates that over 90% of assistance calls are medical.

VOTE NO on Measure D and demand a comprehensive analysis using reliable data!

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