

# Commentary

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"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press,  
and that cannot be limited without being lost."

—Thomas Jefferson

## YOUR VIEW

### Please support Measure O

Editor,

Here are three viewpoints of the hospital's Measure O.

1) What will a yes vote on Measure 'O' cost you? Lets say you spend \$800 a month on taxable things in Mariposa County. That seems a little high to me. But the 1 percent additional sales tax will cost you \$8 a month or about \$96 a year. That's less than a cup of coffee once a week at Happy Burger. Will that really wreck your wallet? As a tourist area most of those taxes will be paid by visitors.

2) What would the loss of the hospital mean to Mariposa? The loss of more than 200 skilled people. They will leave this area for good jobs elsewhere. We will also lose their \$12 million in spending power. Every business and organization will suffer. Consider losing maybe 20 percent of the businesses and services. This town would never recover.

3) What would loss of the hospital mean to you?

Surely you've had a family member or friend that really needed the ER — maybe even yourself. I know I have needed it several times as well as have most of my family members. Does anyone go through their life without some serious health issue? Think about where you'd go for help? What if the additional 1 percent in taxes saved the life of someone you know? What if that was someone very dear to you? What if the life that was saved was yours? Our ER saves countless lives every year.

Please Vote YES on Measure O.

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