P E T I T I O N

TO: THE HONORABLE SUTTER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ON DECEMBER 6, 2011, AN ORDINANCE WAS PASSED TO RAISE FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES SUCH AS COPYING A DOCUMENT THAT IS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC. SOME OF THESE FEES WERE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY. ALSO, A NEW FEE WAS PASSED WHICH INCLUDED A CHARGE OF $118.15 PER HOUR TO CHECK SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS THAT ARE CIRCULATED FOR INITIATIVES.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF SUTTER COUNTY, BELIEVE THAT THE COSTS FOR COPIES OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE FOR THE COST OF THE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO REPRODUCE THE DOCUMENT ON A COPY MACHINE ONLY. THE COST OF EMPLOYEE TIME IS THE SAME, WHETHER THEY ARE MAKING THE COPIES OR NOT, AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. THE FEE FOR SIGNATURE CHECKING ON PETITIONS APPEARS TO BE INAPPROPRIATE ACCCORDING TO STATE LAW.

WE ARE A POOR COUNTY AND OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE RAISING FEES ON THE PUBLIC. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND RESCIND THIS ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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