

Please include the following information in the Packet for Tuesdays Humboldt County Supervisors meeting in one of the three Agenda items as appropriate

The Lost Coast Outpost took a poll Wednesday Nov. 6 @3:35 P.M. / POLL.

It was titled "POLL! Did you, Humboldt County Voter find Measure O Confusing?"

It had a copy of measure O, and underlined in red "one-cent sales tax"

It further stated;

"But holdup! A couple of LoCO readers called foul, noting the language of the official ballot question reads "one CENT Sales tax," which is mathematically VERY DIFFERENT than one PERcent. [See above] If you buy a \$35,000 vehicle somewhere with a 1 cent tax, you pay \$35,000.01. Buy that thing with a 1 PERCENT tax and you'll be charged an extra \$350!

"I wonder," one such reader pondered "how Many people thought they were literally voting for a 1 cent-flat tax?"

Of the 1,616 votes cast on the polls two options, 41% were cast for

"OMG TOTALLY! I didn't realize that this measure would add an extra percent to every single taxable dollar I spend on stuff around here.

Very misleading language."

There is a PUBLIC PERCEPTION by many voters that, the measure does not pass the "Sniff Test" for clarity required of a tax measure.

Clearly, the ballot measure O language as written, lacked the specificity required for the average voter to understand the measure!

Clearly, a fair legal argument can be made that the results of the Measure O on the November 5 election are invalid. because of lack of clarity.

Clearly, it would be in the interest of the public to either, have a special election, or put a clear concise measure to the voters in two years.

One of the commenters on the poll stated "Wouldn't this error be grounds for a legal challenge?"

Of the legal council I have spoken with, the unanimous answer is "YES"

The ball is in your (the Humboldt County Supervisors) Court. What will you do?

Kent Sawatzky (A concerned Citizen)