

TOWN OF FAIRFAX MEASURE C

C To continue emergency paramedic care, shall there be a special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year not to exceed \$48 for each living unit, and in the amount of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure of each developed parcel in nonresidential use with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

TOWN ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the special tax for paramedic services administered by a Joint Powers Authority originally authorized by the voters on June 7, 1983 and reconfirmed by the voters on November 6, 1998 will be continued with a tax of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year not to exceed \$48 for each living unit, and in the amount of \$39 increasing by \$3.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure of each developed parcel in non-residential use. By approval of this Measure the appropriations limit established in the Town of Fairfax pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution will be increased in an amount equal to the proceeds of the special tax. The special tax and corresponding increase in the appropriations limit expire on June 30, 2011.

Dated: August 15, 2006

s/JIM R. KARPIAK
Interim Town Attorney
Town of Fairfax

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Since 1982, voters in the Ross Valley have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide paramedic service. To continue this high standard of emergency medical care for four more years, you must now re-approve this tax with a modest proposed increase. The initial **Ross Valley Paramedic Authority** tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictates that service levels continue to expand and evolve. We ask that you consider a modest \$9 increase the first year and if needed a \$3 annual increase in each of the remaining 3 years to maintain our current levels of service and plan for future improvements based on community demand for high quality, fire department based, advanced life support paramedic services.

Your parcel tax pays for a significant portion of the paramedic program and enables us not to directly bill our Ross Valley resident customers. Additional funds are collected from medical insurance companies and through billing of non-resident customers. In addition, your tax covers expenses associated with paramedic training, medical supplies, equipment and replacement of ambulances when needed.

The Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board of Directors has received the Five Year Strategic Plan prepared by Emergency Services Consulting Inc. It recommends putting into service what is called a Peak Activity Unit, an additional Paramedic Ambulance to be **located** in the vicinity of **Fairfax**. Computer generated reports have shown a need for a PAU transport ambulance in the Upper Ross Valley between the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM, Monday thru Friday. It would be staffed with existing paramedics utilizing overtime to cover stations. The Board will be making the final decision by year's end.

Our goal is to continue to provide state of the art paramedic care in the Ross Valley. Please vote **YES** to continue this vital service.

s/LEW TREMAINE

Fairfax Council Member/Ross Valley Fire Board

s/RICHARD BODONY, MD

Emergency Physician (Novato Community Hospital)

s/LARRY BRAGMAN

Fairfax Vice Mayor

s/MICHELLE PERRO, M.D.

Fairfax Urgent Care Physician

s/FRANK EGGER

Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C WAS FILED.