

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX MEASURE D**

<p><b>D</b> <b>MEASURE D:</b> Shall there be a continuation of the special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$42.50 not exceeding \$51.50 in the fourth year per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure of each developed parcel in nonresidential use, to be collected in addition to transport fees charged to insurance providers for Ross Valley residents, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?</p>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>NO</b>

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D**

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES**

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 \$42.50 increasing by \$3.00 per year not to exceed \$51.50 in the fourth year for each taxable living unit or 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, 2015.

s/JIM R. KARPIAK  
Town Attorney

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE D**

Since 1982, the voters in the Ross Valley have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide Fire Department paramedic service. To continue this high standard of emergency medical care for four more years, you must now re-approve this measure. The initial Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) tax provides for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictates that service levels continue to expand and evolve.

In an effort to minimize the burden on our citizens, the RVPA has not raised the tax as previously scheduled. Each year over the past four years, the tax was scheduled to incrementally increase to a maximum of \$48 per living unit and for each 1,500 square feet of non-residential developed space. However, we have been able to keep the tax at a rate of only \$42 and meet our cost expectations while continuing to improve service levels with the addition of paramedic engine companies and furnishing all Ross Valley fire agencies with new defibrillation equipment. We again ask that you continue the tax at the \$42 rate with the ability, if needed, to raise the tax incrementally each year by \$3 to a rate not to exceed \$51 (plus fifty cents County administrative fee) in the fourth year.

Your tax pays for a significant portion of the paramedic program. Additional funds are collected from medical insurance companies through a program known as third party billing, and from billing of non-resident customers. In addition, your tax covers paramedic training, the cost of medical supplies and equipment, and the replacement of ambulance transport units when needed.

Our goal is to continue to provide state of the art paramedic care in the Ross Valley. We need your vote to continue this vital service. Vote YES on Measure "D".

s/FRANK EGGER

Ross Valley Paramedic Authority Board Member

s/MICHELLE PERRO, MD

Down to Earth Pediatrics

s/PAMELA MEIGS, RN

Registered Nurse

s/LARRY BRAGMAN

Vice-Mayor – Town of Fairfax

s/KATHRYN SEXTON M.D.

Physician

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE D WAS FILED.**