

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 19 MEASURE F

F MEASURE F: Paramedic Services Special Tax Measure. Shall the existing special tax for paramedic services be increased from \$85.00 to a maximum of \$95.00 per year for each living unit, and from 11 cents to a maximum of 13.2 cents per square foot of structure for each non-residential structure? These increases will be phased in over four years.	YES
	NO

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F

COUNTY SERVICE AREA 19 SPECIAL TAX INCREASE

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, County Service Area 19 would be authorized to increase its existing special tax for paramedic services by ten dollars (\$10), for a total of ninety-five dollars (\$95) per residential unit, and by two point two cents (2.2¢), for a total of thirteen point two cents (13.2¢) per square foot on non-residential structures.

Dated: August 10, 2011

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE F

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-66

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MARIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 19 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION ON A MEASURE ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN A SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012; ADOPTING INTENDED BALLOT LANGUAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is the governing board of County Service Area No. 19 within the unincorporated area of the County of Marin, which Area has extraordinary needs owing to demands upon the services of said Area; and

WHEREAS, a previous election of imposition of special taxes was held in County Service Area No. 19 pursuant to Articles XIII A and XIII B of the California Constitution, and Article 3.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 1, Title V (§§50075, *et seq.*) of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the previously approved voter tax is up to \$85 per year for each residential unit and up to 11 cents per square foot for each non residential unit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to increase the special tax per residential unit by \$10 for a total amount of up to \$95 per residential unit, and 2.2 cents for a total amount of up to 13.2 cents per square foot per non residential unit; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the imposition of said tax is required to meet the costs of paramedic services; and

WHEREAS, this measure, if approved by the voters, shall supplant any previously adopted special tax for paramedic services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby adopts the special tax proposed herein effective July 1, 2012, and calls an election to be consolidated with the November 8, 2011, general election, at which election the issue to be presented to the voters of County Service Area No. 19 is as follows:

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 19 PARAMEDIC SERVICES SPECIAL TAX MEASURE

Shall the existing special tax for paramedic services be increased from \$85.00 to a maximum of \$95.00 per year for each living unit, and from 11 cents to a maximum of 13.2 cents per square foot of structure for each non-residential structure? These increases will be phased in over four years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the election is consolidated with the statewide general election and any other elections to be held within Marin County on November 8, 2011, and that it include in its proclamation or

notice of the election that Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Division 9 of the Elections Code relating to arguments concerning county measures applies, and the County Counsel is directed to prepare an impartial analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Elections Code section 10418, all proceedings related to, connected with, and incidental to the election shall be regulated and performed in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special tax if approved by 2/3 vote of the electorate, for the purposes outlined herein, is due from every person who owns a living unit or non-residential structure within this Area as reflected upon the rolls of the County Assessor at the same time ad valorem tax is due and is to be collected in the same manner. The Marin County Tax Collector shall collect the tax and any penalty or interest due hereunder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that failure of this measure shall not affect the existing special tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part of this Resolution is held invalid the remainder of the Resolution shall not be affected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of County Service Area No. 19 held on the 26th day of July, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Judy Arnold, Kathrin
Sears, Steve Kinsey,
Susan L. Adams

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR Harold C. Brown, Jr.
s/SUSAN L. ADAMS
President, Board of Supervisors

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

This Measure increases an assessment begun in 1980, to provide paramedic services. Approval must be by two-thirds of those voting, every four years.

Our County Service Area No. 19 contracts with the San Rafael City Fire Department to provide emergency medical response in our unincorporated area.

This Measure does two things: (1) it increases the maximum annual assessment from the current \$85 to \$95 for each household, and (2) increases the maximum tax, per square foot for each non-residential structure, from the current 11 cents to 13.2 cents per square foot.

For the past four years, the maximum rate per household was \$85. To account for future cost increases, this Measure provides the authority to increase the maximum amount to \$95 over four years. The actual rate is set by the Board of Supervisors annually, determined by actual costs, in negotiation with the City. The cost of service is determined by the number of households and commercial properties in the unincorporated area surrounding San Rafael.

Because the San Rafael Fire Department can leverage their existing stations, vehicles, and expert personnel, they can provide the best possible response time for medical emergencies, and the highest quality of emergency medical care, at lower cost than a private ambulance. The program is designed to provide critical emergency services to all those in need, regardless of ability to pay. If a resident of C.S.A. 19 called a private ambulance company the Basic Life Support charge would be hundreds of dollars, plus supplies and mileage charges. By comparison, the life-saving service we receive from this Measure is a real bargain.

If this Measure does not pass, the City of San Rafael can reduce the level of paramedic service to our community.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE "YES" TO MAINTAIN THIS CRITICAL SERVICE.

s/MARK WALLACE

CSA 19 Board Member

s/NANNI WURL

CSA 19 Board Member

s/TAD INOUE JR.

Past Santa Venetia Neighborhood Association President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F WAS SUBMITTED.