

**SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MEASURE O**

**O** 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?

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS  
OF MEASURE O  
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If this measure is approved by two-thirds of the voters, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District shall be authorized to levy a special tax to continue emergency paramedic services in the amount of thirty nine dollars (\$39.00) increasing by three dollars (\$3.00) per year not-to-exceed forty eight dollars (\$48.00) for each living unit, and in the amount of thirty nine dollars (\$39.00) increasing by three (\$3.00) per year per fifteen hundred (1,500) square feet of structure for each developed parcel in non-residential use, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years.

Dated: August 24, 2006

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER  
County Counsel

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O**

Since 1982, voters within the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide paramedic service, including a County-record 93% approval in 2002. 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 (RVPA) 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 increase of \$9.00 in the first year and, if needed, a \$3.00 annual increase in the remaining three years, in order to maintain current levels of service and to 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 the RVPA not to directly bill Sleepy Hollow 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 and equipment, and the replacement of ambulance vehicles when needed.

Our goal is to continue to provide state-of-the-art paramedic care in Sleepy Hollow and in the Ross Valley. We need your vote to continue this vital service. Vote YES on Measure O.

s/THOMAS J. FINN  
Director/Secretary, Sleepy Hollow  
Fire Protection District

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