

**SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MEASURE R**

R MEASURE R: Shall there be a continuation of the four year special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$42 not exceeding \$51 in the fourth year per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure-developed parcel in non-residential use, to be collected in addition to transport fees charged to insurance providers for Sleepy Hollow residents, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?	YES
	NO

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF
MEASURE R**

**SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SPECIAL TAX INCREASE**

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District would be authorized to continue the four year special tax for paramedic services in the amount of forty-two dollars (\$42) in fiscal year 2011-2012 to an amount not exceeding fifty-one dollars (\$51) in the fourth year per taxable unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use through June 30, 2015, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years.

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Since 1982, the voters of Sleepy Hollow 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 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 improving 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 parcel tax pays for a significant portion of the paramedic program. Additional funds are collected from medical insurance companies and through 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 Sleepy Hollow. We need your vote to continue this vital service. Vote YES on Measure R.

s/THOMAS J. FINN

Director, Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District
Director, Ross Valley Paramedic Authority

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

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE R
SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-3**

**CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLD-
ING OF AN ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER
2, 2010 AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN TO
CONSOLIDATE SAID ELECTION; AND AUTHO-
RIZE THE SECRETARY OR HIS DULY AUTHO-
RIZED OFFICERS AND AGENCY TO CARRY OUT
ALL THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR SAID
ELECTION SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS THE
QUESTION RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION
OF THE SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SER-
VICES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2011 TO 2015**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the electors of Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District approved a tax measure thereby establishing the current authority for funding of paramedic services through June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held on November 2, 2010 for the submission to the voters of the question relating to the continuation of the special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$42 not exceeding \$51 in the fourth year per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure-developed parcel in non-residential use through June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the election be consolidated with the statewide election to be held on the same date and that within the District, the precincts, polling places, and election officers of the two elections to be the same; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Elections Department of the County of Marin handle the election; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to submit to the voters at the election a question relating to the continuation of the special tax for paramedic services through June 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District does hereby resolve, declare, determine, and order as follows:

1. That pursuant to the laws of the State of California, there is called and ordered to be held in the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 an election.

2. That pursuant to the laws of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is hereby requested to consent and agree to the consolidation of said election.

3. That the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District, pursuant to its rights and authority, does order submitted to the voters at the election the following question:

Shall there be a continuation of the four year special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$42 not exceeding \$51 in the fourth year per taxable living unit or per 1,500 square feet of structure-developed parcel in non-residential use, to be collected in addition to transport fees charged to insurance providers for Sleepy Hollow residents, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

4. That the Board of Supervisors is requested to issue instructions to the County Elections Department to take any and all steps necessary for the holding of the election.

5. That the polls for the election shall be open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the election and shall remain open continuously from that time until 8:00 p.m. of the same day, when the polls shall be closed, except as provided in Section 14401 of the California Elections Code.

6. That in all particulars not recited in this Resolution, the election shall be held and conducted as provided by law for holding special district elections.

7. That notice of the time and place of holding the election is given and the Secretary is authorized, instructed, and directed to give further or additional notice of the election in time, form, and manner as required by law.

8. That the Secretary is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Board of Supervisors and the Elections Department of the County of Marin.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District at a special meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors FRANK BERTO, THOMAS FINN,
and RICHARD SHORTALL

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

s/THOMAS J. FINN
Director/Secretary