
MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**CITY OF LARKSPUR
CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES
AND APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT INCREASE
MEASURE G**

G Shall the resolution of the City Council of Larkspur imposing a special tax for paramedic services of not-to-exceed Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year for each living unit as a basic charge be confirmed and the appropriations limit be increased by an amount equal to the proceeds of said tax for each of the next four (4) years?

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE G**

If this measure is approved by two-thirds of the voters, the appropriations limit established for Larkspur, pursuant to Article XIII of the California Constitution, will be continued to be increased in an amount equal to the proceeds of a special tax for paramedic services and administered by a joint powers agreement for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2003.

Dated: August 14, 1998

RICHARD R. RUDNANSKY
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Since 1983, the 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 measure. The initial Ross Valley Paramedic Authority tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictated that one ambulance could no longer deliver an adequate response to the residents of the area. Therefore, a second paramedic ambulance is now in service.

To fund this improved service without increasing the current tax, the RVPA plans to charge for ambulance transport. This practice is the standard with ALL other paramedic provider agencies within Marin County. *This transport charge will be billed to insurance providers of all persons transported, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare and private insurance carriers.*

Your parcel tax covers the base level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, and paramedic training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual parcel tax will be determined each year but will not exceed the maximum annual limit of \$30.00 per parcel. A "YES" vote for this measure does *not* increase the parcel tax, which has remained the same for the past eight years.

The goal of the Fire Chiefs of Ross Valley is to continuously improve paramedic services and response times.

We need YOUR vote to continue this vital service. Vote "YES" on Measure G.

s/ Ronald M. Arlas
Mayor

s/ Daniel Hillmer
Vice Mayor

s/ Lawrence R. Lanctot
Councilmember

s/ Joan Lubamersky
Councilmember

s/ Joan Lundstrom
Councilmember

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

End of Measure G

