

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**TOWN OF ROSS
SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES
MEASURE G**

G Shall there be a four-year special tax for paramedic services in an amount not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per year per living unit and per 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use, to be collected in addition to fees for transport to the hospital charged to insurance providers, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY TOWN ATTORNEY
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If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the special tax for paramedic services administered by a Joint Powers Authority authorized by the voters in 1983, 1991, 1994 and 1998, will be continued with a maximum annual levy of \$30.00 on each living unit and \$30.00 per year per 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use. The applicable appropriations limit established pursuant to Article XIIB of the California Constitution will be increased in an amount equal to the proceeds of the special tax. The special tax and the corresponding increase in the appropriations limit expire on June 30, 2007.

Dated: August 8, 2002

HADDEN ROTH
Town 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 Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA) charges for ambulance transport in order to continue funding this improved service without the need to increase the current tax. This is the standard that ALL other paramedic provider agencies within Marin County work under. *This transport charge is billed to insurance providers, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers.*

Your parcel tax covers the base level service, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, defibrillators, Paramedic and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual parcel tax will be determined each year. A "YES" vote for this measure does not increase the parcel tax, which has remained at \$30.00 per parcel for the past *eleven* years.

The goal of the Fire Chiefs of the Ross Valley is to continuously improve paramedic services and response times. Continuation of this Paramedic parcel tax assures the ability to do so.

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

s/ John J. Gray
Mayor, Town of Ross

s/ William "Tony" Curtiss
Councilmember, Town of Ross

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

END OF MEASURE G

