MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

DISTRICT

MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES
MEASURE J

J Shall Ordinance No. 13 be amended increasing the special tax for paramedic services effective July 1, 2003 in an amount not to exceed $61.00 per year for each living unit, and a maximum of eight cents per square foot for each non-residential structure?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

For over twenty-two years Marinwood Community Services District, along with other unincorporated County areas, has contracted with the City of San Rafael for paramedic services. Your approval of Measure J is needed to keep the paramedic program in place and to meet the costs associated with increased service.

In the past four years, there has been a significant increase in total emergency calls for paramedic service. In Marinwood alone, paramedic responses have gone from 168 in 1999 to 245 in 2001 — a 45% increase. Along with the volume of responses, costs for fuel, supplies, equipment and wages have increased as well.

To fully fund the paramedic program, the paramedic tax must be increased. Measure J will raise the maximum tax rate to $61.00 for residential units and to 8 cents per square foot for non-residential structures. Annual taxes will be based on actual costs, but in any case cannot exceed the $61.00 maximum.

The proceeds from this tax can only be spent on the paramedic program.

Your Marinwood Community Services District Directors and Fire Commissioners urge you to vote YES on Measure J.

s/ Francis W. Rowley, President
   Marinwood Association

s/ Genevieve T. Bolding, President
   Marinwood CSD Board of Directors

s/ Howard Council, Past Member
   Marinwood CSD Board of Directors

s/ Cameron P. Case
   Resident

s/ Jeff Naylor, Chair
   Marinwood Fire Commission

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

END OF MEASURE J