

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO MEASURE G

G 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?

TOWN ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

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 1982, 1986, 1991, 1994, 1998 and 2002 will be continued with a tax 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 non-residential use, to be collected in addition to fees for transport to the hospital charged to insurance providers, without collection pursued against uninsured persons. The applicable appropriations limit pursuant to Article XIII B 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, 2011.

s/ROBERT F. EPSTEIN
Town Attorney
Town of San Anselmo

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Since 1982, 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 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 in the first year and if needed a \$3.00 annual increase in the remaining 3 years, in order to maintain our 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 us not to directly bill our Ross Valley 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 the Ross Valley. We need your vote to continue this vital service. Vote YES on Measure G.

s/BARBARA THORNTON

Mayor

s/WAYNE COOPER

Vice Mayor

s/PETER BREEN

Councilmember

s/TED FREEMAN

Councilmember

s/IAN ROTH

Councilmember

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G WAS FILED.