

CITY OF BELVEDERE MEASURE C

<p>C MEASURE C: Shall the City of Belvedere be authorized to continue adjusting its appropriation limit for the annual fire protection and emergency medical services levy, pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, for the period 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2012? The levy for FY 2008-2009 shall not exceed the rate authorized in Chapter 3.28 of the Belvedere Municipal Code. (The current levy is \$548 per residential dwelling unit, \$625 per occupancy in commercial structures, and \$110 per vacant parcel.)</p>	YES
	NO

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C
City of Belvedere
Fire and Emergency Medical Services Appropriations Limit Adjustment

This ballot measure authorizes the adjustment of the City of Belvedere's appropriations limit under Article XIII B of the California Constitution for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012 to allow for the continued expenditure of the approved annual fire protection and emergency medical services tax, adopted by the City's voters in 2000.

The maximum amount that may be derived from this levy cannot exceed the rate authorized by Chapter 3.28 of the Belvedere Municipal Code. The amount of the levy for 2007-2008 fiscal year is \$548.00 per residential dwelling unit, \$625.00 per occupancy in commercial structures, and \$110.00 per vacant parcel.

Adoption of this measure will increase the City's appropriations limit to the extent of the proceeds derived from the levy for the next four fiscal years, and Article XIII B of the California Constitution requires this adjustment of the appropriations limit to be approved by a majority of the electors voting on the measure on June 3, 2008.

A "Yes" vote on this measure authorizes the City to adjust its appropriations limit and thus to continue expenditure from its approved levy for fire protection and emergency medical services for four more years commencing July 1, 2008.

A "No" vote on this measure prohibits the City from adjusting its appropriations limit and thus from expending the proceeds derived from its approved levy for fire protection and emergency medical services after June 30, 2008.

s/ROBERT F. EPSTEIN
City Attorney, City of Belvedere

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure C. If you desire a copy of the ordinance, please call the City Clerk's office at (415) 435-3838 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Your YES vote on Measure C is essential if we hope to continue providing professional fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of the City of Belvedere.

Since 1980, Belvedere has contracted with the Tiburon Fire Protection District and the Southern Marin Emergency Medical Paramedic System for fire protection and emergency medical services. Consequently, every four years since that time, Belvedere voters have overwhelmingly approved special assessments to cover these essential costs that are over and above the City's Proposition 13 and Proposition 4 General Fund budget appropriation limits. Measure C does not create a new tax, but simply allows the City to continue the tax that voters previously approved by a two-thirds majority specifically for this purpose. Measure C will only provide Belvedere with 63% of the necessary funds to defray the costs for fire protection and emergency medical services. The remaining 37% will be covered by the City's General Fund.

Under Measure C, the amount paid by Belvedere residents, property owners and commercial occupancies will remain the same over the next four years, with minor adjustments to account for changes in population and inflation as permitted by Article XIII B of the California State Constitution.

Vote YES on Measure C in order to ensure that our essential fire protection and emergency medical services that protect Belvedere's residents and their properties can be funded and so that our excellent services will continue to be available when they are most needed.

- s/JUSTIN M. FAGGIOLI
Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year
- s/KENNETH G. JOHNSON
Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year
- s/JENNIFER MULLER
Chair Yes on Measure C for Belvedere
- s/NENA HART
Former Citizen of the Year
- s/DON DAVIS
Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C WAS SUBMITTED.