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SUBJECT: Election in County Service Area No. 27 to Approve an Increase in the Special Paramedic Service Tax for 2015-2019

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution calling a special election for County Service Area No. 27 to be consolidated with the November 4, 2014 General Election on a measure increasing a special tax for paramedic services; Adopting intended ballot language; and Authorizing the County Registrar of Voters to take appropriate action

BACKGROUND: At the request of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (RVPA), each member of the RVPA is scheduling an election for November 4, 2014 to consider an increase in the paramedic tax cap. To meet the cost of paramedic services, the voters have approved special assessments on a number of occasions since 1983. The future cost of providing paramedic service is projected to exceed the current cap of \$51.50 per living unit. County Service Area (CSA) 27 is a member of the Ross Valley Paramedic Joint Powers Authority, which also includes the Town of Fairfax, Kentfield Fire District, Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District, Town of Ross, City of Larkspur, Town of San Anselmo and Corte Madera. Your Board is requested to consider approving the increase for CSA 27 as a member of the RVPA.

The tax increase is proposed to cover the projected increase in paramedic service costs beginning with FY 2015-16 through FY 2018-19. The maximum possible annual tax would increase from \$51.50 to \$57 for each living unit, and for each 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use. The FY 2015-16 special tax would be set at the rate of \$57, with an annual projected rate increase of \$6.00 for each of the following three years, to a maximum of \$75 by year four.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact on the County general fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew H. Hymel
County Administrator

Attachments: Resolution for CSA 27; RVPA Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN SERVICE AREA NO. 27 CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION ON A MEASURE ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN A SPECIAL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015; ADOPTING INTENDED BALLOT LANGUAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, this Board is the governing Board of County Service Area No. 27 within the unincorporated area of the County of Marin, which Area has extraordinary needs owing to demands upon the services of said Area; and

WHEREAS, a previous election of imposition of special taxes was held in County Service Area No. 27 pursuant to Articles XIII A and XIII B of the California Constitution, and Article 3.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 1, Title V (§§ 50075, *et seq.*) of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the imposition of said tax is required to meet the cost of paramedic services; and

WHEREAS, the maximum allowable tax was established at \$51.00 per residential unit plus a \$0.50 County administrative fee, and \$51.00 per 1,500 square feet of structure in non-residential use, plus a \$.50 County administrative fee; and

WHEREAS, the Ross Valley Paramedic Tax has been annually levied and each four years the tax rate reset and approved by election and is scheduled to expire June 30, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby calls an election to be consolidated with the November 4, 2014 general election, at which election the issue to be presented to the voters of County Service Area No. 27 is as follows:

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 27
PARAMEDIC SERVICES SPECIAL TAX MEASURE

Shall there be a continuation of the four year special tax for paramedic services in the amount of \$57 in the first year and raising the tax \$6 annually to a maximum of \$75 per taxable living unit, or per 1,500 square feet of structure on a developed parcel in non-residential use, with the appropriations limit increased by the amount of said tax for the next four years?

YES	
NO	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that rebuttals shall be received to ballot arguments made by this Board on behalf of said special tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the election is consolidated with the statewide general election and any other elections to be held within Marin County on November 4, 2014,

and that it include in its proclamation or notice of the election that Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Division 9 of the Elections Code relating to arguments concerning county measures applies, and the County Counsel is directed to prepare an impartial analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Elections Code section 10418, all proceedings related to, connected with, and incidental to the election shall be regulated and performed in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special tax if approved by 2/3 vote of the electorate, for the purposes outlined herein, is due from every person who owns a living unit or non-residential structure within this Area as reflected upon the rolls of the County Assessor at the same time ad valorem tax is due and is to be collected in the same manner. The Marin County Tax Collector shall collect the tax and any penalty or interest due hereunder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that failure of this measure shall not affect the existing special tax, previously authorized by voters effective through June 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any part of this Resolution is held invalid the remainder of the Resolution shall not be affected.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of County Service Area 27, held on the ____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK

RESOLUTION 2014/01

**RESOLUTION OF THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY
FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014 TO
CONTINUE A TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES**

RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSS VALLEY PARAMEDIC AUTHORITY FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, since 1982, the electors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority approved a special tax for the funding of paramedic services through the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Ross Valley Paramedic Tax has been annually levied and each four years the tax rate reset and approved by election; and

WHEREAS, this special tax shall duly expire effective June 30, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

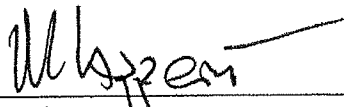
The Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority does hereby call for an election on November 4, 2014, for the purpose of increasing the special tax for paramedic services for an additional four years beginning at \$57 in the first year and raising the tax \$6 annually to a maximum amount of \$75 per taxable living unit in the fourth year, or \$57 per 1,500 square feet of structure developed parcel in non-residential use in the first year and raising the tax \$6 annually to a maximum of \$75 in the fourth year.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority at a regular meeting on March 6, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Lappert, Przybylski, Corbet, Hillmer, Weber, Bragman

NOES: Finn

ABSENT: Hart



President

Attest:


Executive Officer