June 14, 2022

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Election in County Service Area No. 27 (CSA 27) to Approve an Increase in the Special Paramedic Service Tax for 2023-2027

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution calling a special election for CSA 27 to be consolidated with the November 8, 2022 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) Joint Powers Authority, several members of the eight-member RVPA are scheduling an election for November 8, 2022 to consider an increase in the paramedic tax cap. The remaining members considered the election at the June 7, 2022 Primary Election.

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 placing this matter on the November 8, 2022 ballot since CSA 27 is a member of the RVPA.

To meet the cost of paramedic services, voters have approved special assessments several times since 1983. The future cost of providing paramedic service is projected to exceed the current cap of $91.50 per living unit. The current tax expires June 30, 2023.

The tax increase is proposed to cover the projected increase in paramedic service costs beginning with FY 2023-24 through FY 2026-27. The maximum possible annual tax would increase from $91.50 to $103.50 for each living unit, and for each 1,500 square feet of structure on each developed parcel in non-residential use. The FY 2023-24 special tax would be set at the rate of $94.50, generating approximately $69,000 annually, with an annual projected rate increase of $3.00 for each of the following three years, to a maximum of $103.50 by year four.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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County Administrator