

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MEASURE G**

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE G
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06**

<p>G MEASURE G: Fire Protection Services Special Tax Measure. To maintain current fire protection services, shall Resolution No. 2011-06 be approved increasing the Special Tax for Fire Protection Service by 10 cents to a maximum of 28 cents per square foot of living or working area, and by \$30 to a maximum of \$90 per acre of unimproved lands, with annual cost of living adjustments consistent with CPI, and the appropriation limit increased by the amount of said tax? (2/3 vote)</p>	YES
	NO

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION ON A MEASURE ADOPTING AN INCREASE IN A SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012; ADOPTING INTENDED BALLOT LANGUAGE; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS
OF MEASURE G**

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX INCREASE**

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the Marinwood Community Services District shall be authorized to increase the Marinwood Community Services Special Tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Services from a maximum of 18 cents (18¢) to a maximum of twenty-eight cents (28¢) per square foot of residential area and from Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) to Ninety Dollars (\$90) per acre for unimproved acreage, with annual cost of living increases not to exceed the Consumer Price Index, effective July 1, 2012. If the measure passes, the Marinwood Community Services District appropriations limit will be increased by the amount of the voter-approved tax.

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

The Board of Directors of Marinwood Community Services District does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is the governing board of Marinwood Community Services District, within the unincorporated area of the County of Marin, which District has extraordinary needs owing to demands upon the services of said District; and

WHEREAS, a previous election of imposition of special taxes for Fire Protection and Emergency Services was held in Marinwood Community Services District pursuant to Articles XIII A and XIII B of the California Constitution, and Article 3.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 1, Title V (§§55075, *et seq.*) of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the previously approved voter tax is up to 18 cents per square foot of residential area for each residential unit and up to \$60 per acre for unimproved lands; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to increase the maximum special tax per residential unit by 10 cents per square foot for a total amount of up to 28 cents per square foot of residential area, and \$30 per acre for a total amount of up to \$90 per acre of unimproved lands; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the imposition of said tax is required to maintain the current level of fire protection and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, this measure, if approved by the voters, shall supplant any previously adopted special tax for Fire Protection and Emergency Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby adopts the special tax proposed herein effective July 1, 2012, and calls an election to be consolidated with the November 8, 2011, general election, at which election the issue to be presented to the voters of Marinwood Community Services District is as follows:

**MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES
DISTRICT FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
SPECIAL TAX MEASURE**

To maintain current fire protection services, shall Resolution No. 2011-06 be approved increasing the Special Tax for Fire Protection Service by 10 cents to a maximum of 28 cents per square foot of living or working area, and by \$30 to a maximum of \$90 per acre of unimproved lands, with annual cost of

living adjustments consistent with CPI, and the appropriation limit increased by the amount of said tax?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Marinwood Community Services District needs the community's support!

For many years, the Marinwood CSD has increased Fire, Park, and Recreation services while maintaining a balanced budget and the community benefited from living in safe neighborhoods with amenities too numerous to list.

Unfortunately, the District begins this fiscal year with a \$350,000 deficit. The principal cause of this financial crisis is Reduced Income, most notably San Rafael's discontinuation of a contract with the Marinwood FD and reduced property taxes. The 20-year San Rafael agreement, which brought the District \$300,000, was a victim of the City's financial struggles. Additionally, our share of the County's property tax revenues that funds much of the District operations has declined by about 5% since 2009 – a reduction of over \$73,000. Following an unsuccessful attempt to negotiate an equitable agreement with San Rafael, the community has made it clear to the CSD Board that it wants to preserve its own, locally controlled, Fire Department.

Rising costs also pressure the District. We have taken steps to reduce employee costs, even though our firefighters are among the lowest paid in Marin County. The retirement plan for new hires in the Fire Department has been reduced and the District is presently working on cost reductions in employee benefits District-wide.

Cost reduction is only a part of the solution. There is not enough to be saved in personnel costs, services, and supplies to fill the gap of lost revenue, much less to fund future capital equipment replacements, such as a fire engine, and major maintenance. After much deliberation, the CSD acknowledges that in the next year either increased revenue from this Special Tax for Fire Protection or dramatic cuts in services will be required.

We urge you to vote Yes on Measure G!

s/CAMERON CASE

Past CSD Board Member

s/DAVID MITCHELL

Former CSD Board Member

s/MARY A. COLOMBO

Fire Commissioner

s/CYANE DANDRIDGE

Executive Dir. Marin School of Environmental Leadership

s/ELIZABETH (LIZ) McCARTHY

Realtor - MarinwoodMoms.com founder

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G WAS SUBMITTED.

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 8, 2011, 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 the special tax, if approved, may be increased by resolution of the Board of Directors for each fiscal year by a factor not to exceed the Bay Area All Urban Consumers Consumer Price Index (CPI) for December 31 of the year preceding the start of the fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that passage or failure of this measure shall not affect the existing special tax.

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 Directors of Marinwood Community Services District held on the 9th day of August, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: DANDRIDGE, ANDERSON, GREEN,
HANSELL, READ

NOES:

ABSENT:

s/CYANE DANDRIDGE
President, Board of Directors of
Marinwood Community Services District

ATTEST:

s/CAROLYN SULLIVAN
Secretary to the Board