

Argument in Favor of Measure ___

Fire and paramedic protection in Palos Verdes Estates needs your “YES” vote.

For the past 25 years, fire/paramedic services have been paid for through a special parcel tax. Most recently, 87% of the City’s voters approved the tax in 2007. This current tax expires on June 30, 2017.

The City Council appointed a Citizens Committee to explore financing options for our fire/paramedic services. The Committee unanimously recommended continuation of the special tax as the most efficient and cost-effective means to fund these services. The City Council approved it unanimously.

Voting “YES” raises money that can **ONLY** be used to cover the cost of the contract with LA County Fire District to fund our fire/paramedic services. A “NO” vote will threaten these essential services and could significantly increase your home insurance costs.

If this measure does not pass, the City will have to pay approximately \$2.5 million from its reserve account to fund fire/paramedic services for the remainder of 2017.

This special tax will continue the same key features:

- Can only be used for fire/paramedic services and is subject to annual reviews and audits.
- Will appear on your property tax bill.
- Includes a basic charge for all parcels, including vacant lots, plus a charge for each square foot of living area.
- Caps the maximum increase in any given year at 6.2% to cover increases, if any, in contract costs with LA County Fire District. The average annual increase over the past 10 years is 3.35%.
- Has a sunset clause and expires in 2029, but can be amended or repealed at a duly called initiative or referendum election at any time.

Please join us in voting “YES” to continue these essential services!

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