

Argument against the Fire Tax

Extending the Fire contract for 12 years, and allowing a 6.2% annual increase, is a horrible idea.

Contracting with the County for fire services is an excellent idea.

REJECT THIS UNNECESSARY TAX! Send it back to the drawing board! EVERY other city in Palos Verdes has fire costs included in their base 1% property tax (Proposition 13). Only in PVE do we pay then pay AGAIN and AGAIN!

The City had 30 years to figure out how to live within its resources. We have given them enough time! **NO OTHER CITY IN PALOS VERDES OR CALIFORNIA PAYS THIS TAX!** And the other PV cities all balance their annual budgets. Terminate this tax *no one else pays!* Perform a real **OBJECTIVE** comprehensive analysis of the City's budget. At this point, it cannot be changed – only terminated. Let them use their reserves - bring back a revised tax to us – soon!

Long ago PVE had a local Fire Department so now, PVE gets about twice the property tax revenue than other PV cities. This 'extra revenue' **SHOULD BE** used to partially fund the Fire contract. This will significantly lower the tax. With good management, the (new and revised) tax will 'sunset' in about 5 years. Property tax revenues are skyrocketing (8.44% per year)! – It **SHOULD BE** used for the funding the fire contract!

Don't ask for a fire tax then tell us it is '**REALLY for streets**' or that it is '**REALLY for parkland**' or that it is '**REALLY for police!**'

The residents are adults: If the City **NEEDS** money then document the need and **ASK** us for more! No one is against having the best and highest levels of service. **BUT WE SHOULD DECIDE** what additional services we want and how much extra **WE** should pay not self-serving bureaucrats!

Effective 12/16/16
Measure D