

MEASURE S

Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District

Ballot Question

Shall the Ordinance that imposes a special tax in an amount not-to-exceed \$230 dollars per developed parcel per year, and generating estimated revenues of between \$410,000 and \$487,500 dollars annually, with no termination date, be adopted to fund engine-company based paramedic services within the District?

YES
NO

What your vote means?

YES

A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of the District levying a parcel tax on developed parcels for the purposes set forth in the full-text of the measure.

NO

A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against the District levying a parcel tax on developed parcels for the purposes set forth in the full-text of the measure.

Who Filed an Argument In Favor or Against this Measure?

IN FAVOR

NO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR WAS FILED

AGAINST

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST WAS FILED

This measure contains the following information:

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COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE S

Approval of this measure will authorize the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District to levy a special parcel tax at a rate not to exceed \$230 per year on developed parcels. The District estimates revenue raised between \$410,000 and \$487,500 annually. There is no sunset or termination date for the tax. The purpose of the tax is to raise revenue for the addition of paramedic services.

The District crosses the county boundaries of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito. The Fire Protection District is a public agency, separate from any County or any city. The District was formed in 1963 to provide fire protection services.

District personnel are trained for fire suppression and emergency medical service. Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties each have an Emergency Medical Services Agency providing ambulance service. The Fire District will need approval from these county EMS agencies to add paramedic services. However, the District Board finds that separate funding by the District is needed to maintain sufficient levels of paramedic services for its residents.

The revenue raised by the tax is estimated to cover one paramedic on one fire engine, as well as specialized supplies and training. As a special tax, the revenue raised may only be used of financing engine-company based paramedic services within the District. If the Measure is adopted, the tax shall be collected annually through each county's property tax bill in the same manner as the county property taxes are collected, and subject to the same penalties.

The District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing annually during budget hearings to determine the amount of the tax levy. A majority vote of the Board is required each year to establish the levy and it shall not exceed the maximum allowed of \$230 per developed parcel.

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE S – Continued...

This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors of the District and makes no change to existing law. The tax proposed to be levied is a special tax as defined by the state constitution and statute. This measure requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the electorate for passage.

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A "no" vote on this measure is a vote against the District levying a parcel tax on developed parcels for the purposes set forth in the full-text of the measure.

/s/ BARBARA THOMPSON, Assistant County Counsel

HOW TO OBTAIN THE FULL TEXT OF MEASURE S

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure S. If you desire a copy of the measure please call the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District office at (831) 726-3130 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District office at the following website address at <http://www.atcfire.org/> or at the Monterey County Elections website at <http://www.montereycountyelections.us/>.

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MEASURE S WERE FILED
