



All Mail Ballot Special Fire District Election

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

and Voter Information Pamphlet for Election Day

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

There is no polling place for this election.

Placer County Elections Division

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Certificate of Correctness

I, Ryan Ronco, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters for the County of Placer hereby certify that this guide has been prepared in accordance with the law.

Witness my hand in Auburn, California this 15th day of May, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Ronco".

Ryan Ronco

County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters

How to fill out and return your ballot



Completely darken the oval next to the candidate's name with **blue or black ink**.



DO NOT make partial marks when you make your selections. X marks, check marks and other kinds of partial shading on the ovals is not the right way to fill out your ballot.

Did you make a mistake marking your ballot? Lost it? Damaged it?



No problem, here are 2 options you have:

1. You can request a replacement ballot to be sent to you by calling our office.
2. You can vote at the Placer County Elections Division office in Auburn beginning Monday, June 12, 2017.

Once you have filled out your ballot and are ready to send it back, please take a moment to check that you are ready to return it. Make sure you have:



Selected your choice



Signed your envelope

You can now return your voted ballot (using the provided envelope) to the Elections Division. Your options are:

MAIL IT IN



When returning your ballot by mail, your ballot must be postmarked by July 11, 2017 and received by the Placer County Elections Division no later than Friday, July 14, 2017. **Consider mailing your voted ballot back on or before Friday, July 7.**

DROP IT OFF



Our office is located at 2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn. When returning your ballot in person, your ballot must be received by the Placer County Elections Division no later than 8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. For your convenience, there is a 24-hour drive-up drop-off box.

MEASURE B FORESTHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

To maintain rapid local emergency medical response and fire protection in the Foresthill Fire Protection District, and continue current staffing levels so local firefighters are available to respond to all emergencies, shall a special property tax of \$180 per year per parcel, raising approximately \$560,000 annually, be imposed by the District, with an optional maximum annual adjustment of 4% upon Board approval, to remain until ended by voters, with all funds staying in our community?

YES

NO

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL OF PLACER COUNTY MEASURE B

The Foresthill Fire Protection District (District) has determined that a special tax is needed in order to maintain prompt local fire protection and emergency medical response services within the District. The stated purpose of the tax would be to provide fire prevention and suppression, provide emergency medical response services with the District, and for any responses outside of the District under automatic/mutual aid agreements with other fire suppression or emergency service agencies, and for any incidental expenses related to the collection of the tax.

This proposed special tax requires approval of two-thirds of the voters in the District. If approved, a new tax of \$180 per taxable parcel (defined as a parcel appearing on the annual secured Placer County property tax roll) would be assessed. The proposed special tax would allow for increases of up to 4% annually after the proposed increase is included on an agenda of a regular District Board of Directors' meeting with an opportunity for public input and discussion.

If approved, the measure would also constitute approval of an increase in the District's spending limit under the California Constitution to the extent that revenues collected would be in excess of the District's appropriations limit. The District's appropriations limit, as required by the California Constitution, acts to place a restriction on spending revenue from tax proceeds above an indexed amount that is adjusted each fiscal year unless voter approval is obtained.

Finally, if approved, the measure would have an appeal process where an assessed property owner could appeal a determination by the District concerning the nature of the use of the property or the calculation of the amount of the tax. Article 13A of the California Constitution, passed by the electorate in 1978 as Proposition 13, requires 2/3 voter approval to levy special taxes. California Health & Safety Code section 13911 and Government Code sections 50075-50077.5 authorize the District to propose and submit a special tax to the voters. These provisions require accountability measures including a requirement that the proceeds from the tax be placed into a special account and an annual report be prepared that provides details on the taxes collected that year and showing that the taxes were used solely for the specific purposes for the tax.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to authorize a new special tax for the stated purposes.

A "No" vote is a vote against a new special tax.

This analysis is submitted by the Office of the County Counsel of Placer County, pursuant to the requirements of Section 9313 of the Elections Code of the State of California.

Gerald O. Carden
County Counsel

By: Brian R. Wirtz
Deputy County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the Elections Division at (530) 886-5650 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

The Foresthill area is a unique, special community - it is one where we watch out for one another. Our Foresthill Fire Protection District is an important part of our community. Our Fire District has been continuously operating since 1946, working to fight fires, and responding to many other emergencies, especially medical calls.

Our Fire District is currently funded by a small portion of property tax and a modest special tax. Unfortunately, that funding is no longer enough to do the work of keeping us safe. In fact, the Placer County Treasurer's Office recently published a report showing the District will run out of money in the coming year if we don't act now. We need a local Fire District with enough revenue to maintain rapid local fire protection and emergency medical response services in the Foresthill area.

The Foresthill Fire District is asking us to vote on Measure B so they can continue their important work, saving our lives and property.

Please consider the following reasons to support the FIRE SUPPRESSION, PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SERVICES MEASURE. A Yes vote will:

- Keep our local fire stations open.
- Replace aging unreliable fire engines and ambulances.
- Maintain rapid response times to fires and medical emergencies.
- Provide funding to meet the new California \$15.00 minimum wage law.
- Save lives and property.
- Keep our insurance rates from going way up - or our insurance policies from being cancelled.
- Maintain local control of our emergency medical and fire response services.

The Fire Protection & Emergency Medical Response Services measure includes strict accountability provisions to ensure that all funds will only be used locally. Annual financial audits are required and annual reporting will detail all expenditures from the funds.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure B to help continue to keep our community safe.

John Michelini, Chairperson
Friends of Foresthill Fire in Support of Measure B

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B WAS SUBMITTED.

Full Text of Measure B

FULL TEXT OF SPECIAL TAX MEASURE FORESTHILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PARCEL TAX FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION, PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SERVICES

The Foresthill Fire Protection District is responsible for fire protection and emergency medical response services to the rural areas within Placer County encompassing just over 6,900 residents, covering 500 square miles.

In order to maintain prompt local fire protection and emergency medical response services within Foresthill Fire Protection District, to maintain current fire station staffing, and to prevent the immediate layoff of personnel so that firefighters are available to respond to all emergencies, to keep property insurance rates manageable, and to adequately train and equip firefighters, the District proposes to levy a special tax on each taxable parcel of land within the District at the annual rate of \$180 per parcel.

In order to help ensure that the revenues from the special tax grow in line with the inflation adjusted cost of providing local fire protection and emergency medical services, the tax rate may increase in future years by a maximum annual adjustment of 4% upon Board approval. Under no circumstances can the annual increase be implemented without the annual rate adjustment of the special tax being included on the agenda of the Foresthill Fire Protection District Board of Directors' regular meeting with an opportunity for public input and discussion.

Taxable parcels are those parcels that appear on the annual secured Placer County property tax roll and are billable for Foresthill Fire Protection District services.

The purpose of this parcel tax will be to ensure continued local fire suppression and protection as well as rapid emergency response services for all residents, employees, and visitors in the District. The revenues raised by this special tax will only be used to defray operating expenses and capital improvement expenditures to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

If the special tax is approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the measure, the District's appropriations limit will be increased by the amount of this voter-approved tax.

The special tax revenues shall be deposited into a separate account for exclusive use by the Foresthill Fire Protection District, in accordance with Government Code Section 50075.1, and shall be expended by the District according to a plan developed annually by the District's staff and approved and adopted by the District's Board of Directors.

The District will cause to be filed an annual report with its Board of Directors, which report shall include the amount of special tax revenues collected and expended, and which shall otherwise comply with the accountability measures established in Government Code Sections 50075.1 et seq.

Any property owner who is assessed a special tax as provided for herein may appeal any determination by the District concerning the nature of the use of the property or the calculation of the amount of the tax by filing a notice of appeal with the District offices. Any such appeal shall be filed by December 1st of the calendar year for which the tax is levied. The appeal shall be filed on the form provided by the District and shall contain a statement by the property owner as to the nature and basis for the appeal in accordance with the District's appeal procedure.