IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL

MEASURE M2010

MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Proposition 4 (the Gann Initiative) on the November 1979 ballot added Article XIII B to the State Constitution. Proposition 4 established limits on a government’s ability to spend its tax revenues. Proposition 111 on the June 1990 ballot made certain amendments to the Article XIII B. Voters have authority under Article XIII B to approve changes in the spending limit by a majority popular vote.


This measure, if approved, will continue the Montecito Fire Protection District’s authority to spend its tax revenues through fiscal year 2013-2014. The District is requesting voter approval in order to be able to continue to meet its current operating costs which are more than the limits otherwise allowed under Proposition 4. If this measure fails, the District’s current spending limits will be reduced. Such reduction may result in lower tax rates in the future and will reduce the funds available to continue the District’s current level of service for fire protection and suppression, rescue and emergency medical services.

This measure does not affect the limitations on property taxes imposed by Proposition 13 and supplemental legislation (Article XIII A of the State Constitution); it will not increase existing tax rates, and no new taxes are proposed.

DENNIS A. MARSHALL
COUNTY COUNSEL

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE M2010

Vote YES on Measure M2010.

To ensure that the Montecito Fire Protection District continues the current level of vital paramedic, rescue, fire protection, mitigation and emergency services, vote YES on Measure M2010!

If Measure M2010 passes, it will allow the Montecito Fire Protection District to spend the tax revenues that are already being collected and use them in Montecito to maintain our existing excellent standard of vital services.

A YES vote will NOT increase your present tax rate.

A YES vote will NOT result in new taxes.

VOTE YES FOR MONTECITO FIRE PROTECTION AND PARAMEDIC SERVICES.

Signatures of Montecito residents in support of Measure M2010:

The undersigned author(s) of the primary argument in favor of Ballot Measure M2010 for the Montecito Fire Protection District Special Mailed Ballot Election to be held on July 13, 2010 hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Signed the 22 day of March 2010:

s/David F. Myrick
s/Dana E Newquist
s/Diane Pannkuk
s/Jean Von Wittenburg
s/Elisa Atwill

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED
NOTICE TO VOTERS

In accordance with Elections Code Section 4108, polling places will not be used for this election. Below is your Sample Ballot; your Official Ballot is enclosed.

Included in this sample ballot booklet you will find the full text, an impartial analysis and the argument for Measure M2010. No argument against this measure was submitted.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE M2010

RETENTION OF INCREASED LIMITS OF APPROPRIATION FOR PURPOSES OF FURNISHING FIRE PROTECTION, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Shall the limits of appropriations for the Montecito Fire Protection District be established pursuant to Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California (Proposition 4 and Proposition 111) at an amount the total of which equals the combined total of all of the following: (1) the amount of all ad valorem taxes on property to which the District is entitled as limited by Article XIII A of the Constitution of the State of California (Proposition 13) and any legislation supplemental thereto; (2) the amount of any fire suppression services assessment, capital improvement assessments, or other benefit assessments which may be authorized by the District pursuant to and in conformance with the procedures and authority set forth in State law and which would otherwise be considered "proceeds of taxes" pursuant to Article XIII B of the Constitution of the State of California; (3) the amount of the proceeds from any special taxes which may be authorized by more than two-thirds of the District voters at any election that may be called by the District for that purpose; (4) any interest received by the District; and (5) any subventions or other aid received from the State of California, the County of Santa Barbara or other governmental agency?

If said limit is approved by the voters, it shall be effective for the District's 2010-2011 fiscal year and remain in effect for a period of four years from and after the date of this election unless changed by the voters at a subsequent election or elections.

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