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Zayante Fire District Parcel Tax

Ballot question

To provide for immediate response to emergency calls, and continue to fund emergency vehicles, equipment and training for the volunteer fire district. Shall the Zayante Fire Protection District impose a \$68 parcel tax to replace the \$35 parcel tax from 1992? The general obligation bond would also retire in 2017 which cost the average home owner \$24.00. The average increase per parcel would be \$9.00 per year. The tax would begin July 1, 2017 and be adjusted annually.

Pregunta de Boleta

Para brindar respuesta inmediata a los llamados de emergencia y continuar financiando los vehículos de emergencias, los equipos y la capacitación para el distrito de bomberos voluntarios. ¿Debe el Distrito de Bomberos de Zayante imponer un impuesto a la parcela de \$68 para reemplazar el impuesto a la parcela de \$35 de 1992? El bono de obligación general también vence en 2017, el cual cuesta \$24.00 al propietario de casa promedio. El aumento promedio por parcela sería de \$9.00 por año. El impuesto comenzaría a aplicarse el 1 de julio de 2017 y se ajustaría anualmente.

What your vote means

YES	NO
A "Yes" vote is to approve imposition of the special parcel tax.	A "No" vote is against imposition of the special parcel tax.

For and against Measure O

FOR	AGAINST
Ken Boynton Retired Fire Chief, Director	No argument against Measure O was filed.



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Arguments and replies are the opinions of the authors. We print them exactly as submitted, including errors.

Argument for Measure O

The Zayante Fire Protection District has a long history of providing excellent and necessary services to our community. The District is asking for a \$68 parcel tax. This new tax would replace the current parcel tax of \$35.00 that has been in effect since 1992. The 1987 general obligation bond for the fire station will be expiring in 2017 and coming off your tax bill. The District has an outstanding track record for being fiscally responsible and transparent. The 1987 Fire Station building bond for \$495,000.00 has resulted in a facility worth well over one million dollars. The 1992 parcel tax has been used to provide a fleet of well-equipped emergency vehicles that are second to none.

This new parcel tax would ensure the continued financial survival of the district for the future, and the continuation of great emergency services by allowing for three paid personnel to be on duty 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Having firefighters and emergency medical technicians on duty at the station will reduce response times to calls including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. Zayante is a volunteer district and currently waits for personnel to respond to the station prior to answering and responding to your emergency call for help.

Please show Zayante Fire your support by voting **YES** on “**Measure O**”.

Ken Boynton
Retired Fire Chief, Director

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Impartial analysis of Measure O

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This measure proposes to replace an existing parcel tax of \$35 with a new parcel tax of \$68, effective July 1, 2017. It will not take effect unless approved by at least two-thirds of those voting on it, and would be a special tax on real property within the Zayante Fire Protection District ("the District"). The tax rate after the first year and for each following year is intended to be subject to an increase corresponding to a Consumer Price Index. The measure does not set a termination date for the tax.

The proceeds of the special tax, if approved, shall be applied to the purposes set out in the full text of Measure O which is printed in this pamphlet.

California law would require certain activities to be carried out by the District in order to ensure accountability

This measure was placed on the ballot by vote of the Zayante Fire Protection District Board.

A "yes" vote is to approve imposition of the special parcel tax.

A "no" vote is against imposition of the special parcel tax.

Full text of Measure O

The Zayante Fire Protection District would like to impose a \$68.00 parcel tax, to be implemented on July 1, 2017. This would repeal the \$35.00 parcel tax that was implemented in 1992. The General Obligation Bond for the Fire Station and Community Center will mature and be paid off in 2017, and will also be coming off your tax bill. The new parcel tax would closely equal the previous parcel tax plus the Fire Station building bond payment. The average home owner would see little or no increase, and for some a decrease on your tax bill. This new tax would include an annual inflation clause based on the California Consumer Price Index "C.C.P.I." The same base The County of Santa Cruz uses.

PURPOSE: Is to have a minimum of 3 paid personnel on duty 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday. This would allow for emergency medical technicians and firefighting personnel to respond to emergencies immediately. The District currently waits for volunteer personnel to respond to the station prior to answering and responding to your emergency call for help. For the past 26 years the \$35.00 parcel tax has supported a vehicle replacement plan that has provided the Fire District with modern and updated fire engines and support vehicles, as well as emergency equipment and training. The Zayante Fire Protection District has a long history of doing the best to provide excellent service, as well as being fiscally responsible with tax payers' money. Zayante Fire Protection District receives the lowest tax rate of any fire district in Santa Cruz County.