

# San Mateo County Service Area 1

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## Measure G

Shall Resolution No. 074361 of the County of San Mateo continuing the levy of a special tax for four years at a maximum rate of \$65 per parcel per year for extended police and structural fire protection services be approved?

### Full Text

If you desire a copy of the entire measure as contained in Resolution No. 074361 please contact the election official's office at (650) 312-5222 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

### Impartial Analysis of Measure G

On February 23, 2016, pursuant to Section 50075 of the Government Code, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo adopted a resolution to renew the levy of a special tax on property located in County Service Area No. 1 for fire protection and police services. Section 50075 of the Government Code requires that the measure for a special tax be submitted to the voters of the service area for approval.

A special tax for these services has been levied since 1982, and most recently received voter approval in 2012. Presently, the Board of Supervisors determines the specific amount of the tax each year, with a maximum rate of \$65 per year per parcel. Under this measure, the Board of Supervisors would continue to set the specific amount of the tax each year, with a maximum rate of \$65 per year per parcel. The special tax would continue to be levied for an additional period of four years, commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2020, and would be collected by the San Mateo County tax collection officials at the same time as, and along with, the general *ad valorem* taxes. The special tax would be subject to the same penalties as the general *ad valorem* tax, and the special tax and penalty shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid.

A "yes" vote on this measure would allow the continuation of a special tax to be levied on property within the boundaries of San Mateo County Service Area No. 1 for fire protection and police services at a rate no greater than \$65 per parcel per year for an additional four years, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020.

A "no" vote on this measure would not allow the special tax to be levied, with the current tax supporting such services ending June 30, 2016.

This measure passes if two-thirds of those voting on the measure vote "yes."

### Argument in Favor of Measure G

Community Service Area 1 (CSA 1) was established in 1957 to provide enhanced fire service for the San Mateo Highlands and other neighborhoods in the unincorporated area to the east of Polhemus Road. When the district was created, a share of the CSA 1 resident's property taxes was dedicated to paying for enhanced fire service which was provided by Cal Fire. In 1966, extra patrols by the County Sheriff were requested by the community and paid through the CSA 1 property tax allocation.

Today, CSA 1 pays for a 24/7 fire engine located at Fire Station #17, located on Paul Scannell Road. CalFire staffs the engine with a minimum of three firefighters, one of which is a Paramedic. CSA 1 also pays for patrol service by a Deputy Sheriff, 7 days a week, 18 hours a day.

In 1982, CSA 1 residents voted to assess themselves up to \$110 a year in additional property taxes to fully fund their enhanced police and fire services. Since 1982, the actual assessment has been \$65 a parcel. The \$65 tax has been consistently renewed by the voters every four or five years since 1982. The current parcel tax expires on June 30, 2016.

Measure G on the June ballot extends the \$65 CSA 1 parcel tax another four years. To pass, the measure must be supported by 2/3 of the voters in CSA 1.

For over fifty years, the CSA 1 residents have enjoyed the exceptional fire and police services provided by CalFire and the County Sheriff. We encourage all CSA 1 residents to vote YES on Measure G to continue to fully fund our enhanced police and fire protection another four years.

The undersigned authors of the primary argument in favor of ballot proposition G at the election for Community Service Area 1 to be held on June 7, 2016, hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

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**No Argument Against Measure G Submitted**