

## REBUTTAL to Argument Filed AGAINST Measure D

No one likes or wants to pay taxes. We often wonder where our dollars go and how they are used. Not so with Measure D.

Unlike general taxes, Measure D explicitly mandates that ALL money generated provides a critical safety net of fire/paramedic services for our community. Measure D adds no new taxes; it maintains a current funding source to ensure we continue to enjoy the benefits of our excellent fire/paramedic services. For 30 uninterrupted years, Palos Verdes Estates has funded fire/paramedic services through similar measures. At any time, we can reexamine whether the services we receive justify maintaining this modest incremental cost.

Measure D's opponent asks you to eliminate funding for these critical services to be more like "other cities" in California. But we choose to make Palos Verdes Estates our home for clear reasons: beautiful neighborhoods, some of the best schools in the state and great neighbors who care about our community. And unlike many of our neighboring cities, we feel safe and secure in our homes because we have emergency services that are singularly focused on the needs of our community. Measure D allows us to maintain that current level of comfort and security.

Please keep in mind:

- (1) This special tax is ONLY for fire/paramedic services—not for "streets, parklands, or police" as the opponent suggests,
- (2) The average annual increase of fire/paramedic services over the past 10 years has been a modest 3.35%,
- (3) Measure D requires annual reviews/audits from an independent auditor.

Vote YES on Measure D.