

RESOLUTION R06-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES
ESTATES ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO
EXAMINE FINANCING OPTIONS
FOR THE FIRE/PARAMEDIC SERVICES CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the availability of City-sited fire and paramedic services is essential to the health, safety and livability of this community and is also essential in preserving property values; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the City's contract with Los Angeles County Fire Department for fire and paramedic services accounts for 25% of the City's total operating budget, or approximately \$3.3 million annually; and

WHEREAS, having a secure and dedicated funding source to pay for this cost is essential to the long-term fiscal health of the City; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, residents of Palos Verdes Estates have strongly supported special, dedicated financing sources for these services including a Fire Benefit Assessment District (1991-2001) and more recently the Fire and Paramedic Services Special Tax (2001-2007); and

WHEREAS, the City's Fire and Paramedic Services Special Tax, approved by more than 86% of the City's voters at the March 2001 municipal election, is set to expire June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to solicit the input of a representative Citizens' Committee to assess the current financing options available to the City to continue to fund these critical services and make recommendations to the Council on the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates does hereby establish a Special Citizens' Committee.

SECTION 1. The Committee is given the following "charge" and purpose:

- (a) To assess the City's current and future financial position and make recommendations on the best means and mechanisms to ensure the City's continued fiscal viability, most particularly the continued financing of the Fire and Paramedic Services contract.
- (b) To provide a written report to the City Council no later than November 20, 2006 with recommendation(s) on financing mechanism(s), including the

amount of money to be derived, and duration of any tax or fee, to fund the fire and paramedic services contract cost.

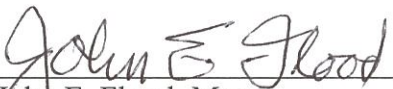
- (c) To prepare and conduct a public information campaign to promote passage of the City Council approved finance mechanism(s), if the mechanism(s) requires approval of the City's voters at the March 6, 2007 General Municipal Election.

Section 2. The Committee shall consist of no more than nine (9) members, appointed by the Mayor from recommendations submitted by the members of the City Council.

Section 3. The purpose of this Committee shall be deemed fully discharged with the results of the March 6, 2007 election, at which time the Committee shall be dissolved.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of Resolution R06-22.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2006.



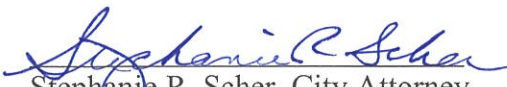
John E. Flood, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephanie R. Scher, City Attorney

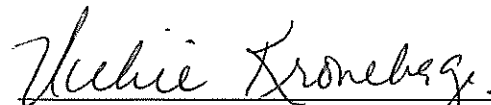
STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES)

I, Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **R06-22** was duly and regularly approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates at its regular meeting of the City Council on the 25th of July, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Flood, Goodhart, Sherwood, Abbott, and
Humphrey

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None


Vickie Kroneberger, Deputy City Clerk