

**Resolution No. 1801-2015**

**MENLO PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO CONSIDER A MEASURE PROPOSING AN INCREASE OF THE DISTRICT'S APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT TO \$50,000,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of Menlo Park Fire Protection District finds and determines as follows:

- a) Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the District's appropriations are subject to the limitations as described in Article XIII B and in government code 7900, et seq.
- b) The current voter approved limit of \$40,000,000 was in effect eight (8) years and would expire the end of fiscal year 2015-16.
- c) An increase in the Appropriations limit to \$50,000,000 must be approved by voters in the District at the November 3, 2015 Consolidated Statewide Election if it is to be effective for a period of four years. In each of these fiscal years, the estimated revenue subject to the limit is in excess of the limit.
- d) If the District is unable to appropriate and spend its lawfully raised revenues because of the effect of the Appropriations Limit, the District will not be able to maintain adequate funding for its operations and activities and the level of care and service will be significantly reduced.
- e) It is clearly in the best interest of the District, the public health and safety and the welfare of its citizens that the District maintain adequate financial resources to provide high quality fire protection, fire suppression, and emergency services.
- f) This measure is essential to continue the high level of emergency services that protect people and property within Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Atherton, and unincorporated areas of the District. It will NOT result in increased taxes; it simply allows the District to spend the revenue it receives.
- g) At the June 16, 2015 Board meeting, the Directors reached consensus on moving forward with a resolution to call for an election to place a request to increase the District Appropriations Limit to \$50,000,000 on the November 3, 2015 statewide ballot.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District as follows:

- 1. An appropriations initiative is presented by the District to the District's electors for their consideration as set forth in the measure stated in paragraph 4 below.

**FILED** IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER  
OF SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIF.

June 16, 2015 Board Meeting  
Calling of Election

2. The election shall be consolidated with any statewide or local elections held on November 3, 2015 within the territory of the District.

3. The election shall be conducted subject to, and in conformity with, all applicable constitutional and statutory voting requirements.

4. The Measure to be presented to the electors is as follows:

8 "SHALL THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT APPLICABLE TO THE MENLO PARK  
6 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SET AT \$40,000,000  
10 AND SET TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2016, BE REAUTHORIZED FOR FOUR  
9 YEARS AT A LEVEL OF \$50,000,000, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2016?"

5. The Fire Chief is directed to ensure a true copy of this Resolution be promptly delivered to the County Clerk of the County of San Mateo and to take such other actions in conjunction with the County Clerk and the County Elections Department, to cause the election provided for in this Resolution to be duly and regularly conducted.

6. Funds in an amount sufficient to pay for the costs of the election called by this election are hereby appropriated, and the Fire Chief is hereby authorized to expend the funds appropriated to reimburse the County for the costs of conducting the election.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District at its regular meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: KIRALY, SILANO, IANSON, CARPENTER, AND BERNSTEIN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



Michelle Radcliffe, Clerk of the Board



Virginia Chang Kiraly, Board President