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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 13313, materials pertaining to Measure A-20 for the March 3, 2020, Consolidated Presidential Primary Election, are hereby submitted for 10-day public examination.

During the 10-day examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed not later than the end of the 10-calendar-day public examination period. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Elections Code, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of the official election materials as provided by law.

Fiscal Impact Statement (contained in the Full Text of the Measure)  
Argument in Favor of  
Argument Against (No argument was submitted)

Dated: November 5, 2019  
Tommy Gong, San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 13

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CALLING AN ELECTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO FUND LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SAID ELECTION WITH THE MARCH 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The following Resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, the Oceano Community Services District (“OCSD”) is a member agency in the Five Cities Fire Authority (“FCFA”) along with the City of Grover Beach and the City of Arroyo Grande. The FCFA has identified the need for additional full-time emergency responders to ensure adequate local emergency medical and fire protection services for the member communities. This is due, in part, to the continued decline of the existing reserve program and increasing costs; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have concluded that emergency response personnel staffing levels directly affect the level of community emergency medical and fire protection services and that additional, full-time emergency responders are necessary to provide for the overall safety of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2018, the OCSD Board considered a report entitled “2018 Fire Service Analysis for the Oceano Community Services District” which included eight options that were evaluated for future emergency medical and fire protection services within Oceano. The report recommended that the most viable and cost-efficient choice for the community of Oceano was to continue to provide emergency medical and fire protection services through the Five Cities Fire Authority with funding supplemented by a special tax ballot measure; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2019, the OCSD Board approved an amendment to the Five Cities Fire Authority Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) in order to 1) fund certain priorities identified in the FCFA Strategic Plan; 2) make changes to the funding formula and funding contributions by member agencies to reflect current staffing levels; and 3) commit OCSD to the undertaking of a special tax ballot measure; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide the best emergency medical and fire protection services to Oceano, to have a fire department staffed and prepared to provide emergency medical and fire protection services 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and to accomplish both victim rescue and property conservation, additional funding must be sought; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires to place a ballot measure before the voters at the March 3, 2020 election for approval of a proposed Ordinance to levy a special tax on real property within the District to provide 24-hours a day, 7-days a week local emergency medical services and fire protection within the OCSD and to assist with the attraction and retention of qualified professional medical responders and firefighters in Oceano; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the amendment to the JPA, if the proposed Ordinance fails to pass and Oceano is unable to fund its share of the funding formula of the FCFA JPA, Oceano will automatically and without further action cease to be a member of the Five Cities Fire Authority on June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, in its consideration of adoption of this Resolution, the Board of Directors has indicated that if funding through a special tax is not approved, the Board would consider seeking approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission to divest its active authority to provide emergency medical services and fire protection and instead request those services be provided by San Luis Obispo County under its contract with Cal Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 61121(a) and Government Code section 50075 et seq., the Board is authorized to levy a special tax, subject to the approval of the voters; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 50077, on October 23, 2019, the Board of Directors conducted a noticed public hearing on the issue of whether to place such a measure on the ballot. The notice included the date, time and place of the public hearing, a general explanation of the matter to be considered, and a statement of where additional information could be obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors desires to have the County of San Luis Obispo render certain services in connection with the March 3, 2020 election; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Elections Code sections 10555 and 10400 et seq. said election may be consolidated with any other election, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Elections Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Oceano Community Services District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors hereby calls an election to be held on March 3, 2020, on the question of adopting a special tax to fund emergency medical and fire protection services.
3. It is hereby requested that the Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County consolidate the election of the OCSD to be held on March 3, 2020, with any other San Luis Obispo County General Election held on the same date. This request is made pursuant to Elections Code sections 10555 and 10400, et seq. The Board of Directors agrees to reimburse the County of San Luis Obispo in full for services performed relating to this election upon presentation of an invoice.

The purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on the following question:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/FIRE PROTECTION RESPONSE MEASURE:</b></p> <p><b>To maintain rapid response times for 911 medical emergency/fire protection services, provide 24-hours a day, 7-days a week staffed medical emergency/fire vehicles, shall Oceano Community Services District Ordinance No. 2020-1 levying an annual special tax of \$180.00 per parcel, providing \$422,000 a year, subject to annual maximum increases capped at 2%, until repealed by voters, and requiring independent citizen oversight and annual reports, be adopted?</b></p>	YES	
	NO	

4. In accordance with Elections Code section 13119, the Ballot shall contain the following Fiscal Impact Statement:

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO BE IMPOSED ON ALL PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT EACH FISCAL YEAR [Elections Code section 13119]

Rate of tax to be levied: \$180.00 per parcel located in the Oceano Community Services District. The special tax is subject to an annual maximum increase in an amount not to exceed two percent (2%) per year.

Amount of money to be raised annually: \$422,000.00 (estimated).

Duration of the tax: The authorization to levy the tax pursuant to this Ordinance shall continue until repealed by the voters.

The tax information estimates in this statement reflect the District's current determination of the number of taxable parcels, which is based on certain assumptions. The actual amount of money raised in each year the tax is levied may vary due to factors including, but not limited to, variations in the number of taxable parcels within the District and inflation.

5. The Board of Directors hereby approves the proposed Ordinance to be submitted to the voters, which shall be included in its entirety with the ballot measure, in the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference. The proposed measure is a special tax as defined in Article XIIC of the California Constitution and shall not take effect unless and until approved by a vote of at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voters voting on the question in the election.
6. The District Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Oceano Community Services District, State of California, this 23 day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Vice President White, Director Gibson, Director Villa, President Austin

NOES: Director Replogle

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

[Redacted Signature]

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President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST

[Redacted Signature]

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Board Secretary of the Oceano Community Services District

[Redacted Signature]

APPROVED AS TO FORM

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Signature]

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District Counsel

[Redacted Signature]

**Argument in Favor**  
**Oceano Community Services District – Parcel Tax**

**VOTE YES on A-20** to ensure the future of 911 rapid response for emergency medical and fire services and 24 hours a day 7 days a week staffing. The devastating fires throughout California should remind us all how important it is to ensure that emergency services in our community - Oceano - will provide 911 rapid response when we need them for medical emergencies and fires. Consider these facts:

**Fact:** Oceano is a member of the Five Cities Fire Authority with three fire stations available to directly respond to 911 emergencies.

- A **YES VOTE** on A-20 is needed for Oceano to stay as a member of Five Cities Fire Authority.
- A **NO VOTE** on A-20 means that Oceano's membership in Five Cities Fire Authority will terminate on July 1, 2021.

**Fact:** Five Cities Fire Authority is improving staffing to pursue minimum national standards. There are no better options for Oceano than continuing to receive 911 rapid response emergency services from Five Cities Fire Authority.

**Fact:** The closest County/Cal Fire stations to Oceano are in Pismo and Nipomo. Even if County/Cal Fire operated out of the Oceano fire station, the nearest back-up stations would still be in Pismo and Nipomo which will delay emergency responses.

**Fact:** The Five Cities Fire Authority is trained to respond to Oceano, and all money raised by A-20 will be controlled locally and only spent for Oceano's emergency medical and fire response. Taxpayer protections and an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee is required by A-20.

Do not let others mislead you. Every minute matters on 911 calls and the three stations of Five Cities Fire Authority are the proven best option for Oceano.

**A YES vote on A-20 is a YES vote for the health and well-being of Oceano.**

**ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL FILED BY (check any of the following that apply)** This information will be provided on the County Clerk/Elections Website:

**Board of Supervisors or Governing Board**  
Contact Person's Printed Name: Jeffrey A. Minnery  
Contact Person's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers of Special District Initiative**  
Name of Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Officer's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach list of officers if document relates to a school district measure**




**Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure**  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Voter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Where You Live: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# SIGNATURE STATEMENT

## FORM OF STATEMENT TO BE FILED BY AUTHORS OF PRIMARY ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS (§9164, 9167, 9600)

All arguments concerning measures filed pursuant to Division 9, Chapter 2 (beginning with § 9100) of the Elections Code shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each proponent/author, if different, of the argument:

The undersigned proponents or authors of the Argument/Rebuttal  **In Favor** or  **Against** **Measure A-20** for the Oceano Community Services District at the Primary Election to be held on March 3, 2020, hereby state that the argument is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Print Name <u>Linda Austin</u>	Signature 
Title <u>President, Oceano Community Services District</u>	Date <u>11-1-19</u>
Print Name <u>Adam Verdin</u>	Signature 
Title <u>Owner, Old Juan's Cantina</u>	Date <u>11/4/2019</u>
Print Name <u>Lynn Schlenker</u>	Signature 
Title <u>Owner, Great American Melodrama</u>	Date <u>11-4-19</u>
Print Name <u>Fabian Lopez</u>	Signature 
Title <u>Owner, La Tapatia Market</u>	Date <u>11-1-19</u>
Print Name <u>Brenda Lowe</u>	Signature 
Title <u>Resident, Cienaga Seabreeze Park</u>	Date <u>11-1-19</u>