

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

MUNICIPAL

**CITY OF BELVEDERE
CONTINUATION OF TAX LEVY AND
APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT INCREASE
MEASURE A**

A Shall the City of Belvedere be authorized to continue its levy for fire protection and emergency medical services for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2004, and thereby adjust its appropriations limit, as provided for in Article XIII B of the California Constitution, with the understanding that the maximum levy for fiscal year 2000-2001 shall not exceed the rate currently authorized in Chapter 3.28 of the Belvedere Municipal Code?

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY CITY ATTORNEY
MEASURE A**

**City of Belvedere
Continuation of Existing Fire and
Emergency Medical Services Levy**

This ballot measure authorizes the continuance of the City's levy for fire protection and emergency medical services for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2004.

The maximum amount that can be derived from this levy may not exceed the rate currently authorized in Chapter 3.28 of the Belvedere Municipal Code. The amount of the levy will result in the following rate structure for the fiscal year 1999/2000: \$244.00 per residential dwelling unit; \$306.00 per commercial occupancy; and \$70.00 per vacant parcel of land. Pursuant to Article XIII B of the California Constitution, the amount of the proceeds derived from this levy may be adjusted each year by percentage changes in the Consumer's Price Index as well as the population of the City.

Continuation of this levy will increase the City's appropriations limit to the extent of the proceeds derived therefrom, and Article XIII B of the California Constitution requires the continuation of this levy be approved by a majority of the electors voting on the measure on April 11, 2000.

A "Yes" vote on this measure authorizes the City to continue its levy for fire protection and emergency medical services for four more years commencing July 1, 2000.

A "No" vote on this measure prohibits the City from continuing its levy for fire protection and emergency medical services after June 30, 2000.

GARY T. RAGGHIANI
City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURES A & B

Your YES vote on Measures A and B is essential to continue professional fire protection and emergency medical services in Belvedere.

Since 1980, Belvedere has contracted with the Tiburon Fire District for fire and emergency medical services. Consequently, every four years for the past twenty years, Belvedere voters have overwhelmingly approved special assessments to cover these essential costs that are over and above the City's Proposition 13 General Fund budget allocation limits for basic fire protection and paramedic services. Measure A allows for the continuation of the assessment to raise a portion of the funds required.

If approved, Measure B will increase the amount of the assessment to the level needed to pay the Tiburon Fire District for the current level of services specified in the newly revised contract, and will supersede Measure A. The amount paid by Belvedere has risen substantially in the four years since voters approved the previous assessment in 1996. Measure B will help fund this increase by assessing \$395 per residence, \$450 per commercial occupancy, and \$80 per vacant lot.

Vote YES on Measures A and B in order to maintain the essential fire and emergency medical services that protect Belvedere's residents and their properties.

- s/ Justin Faggioli
City Councilmember and Former Mayor
- s/ Kenneth G. Johnson
Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year
- s/ Ann Otter
Former Mayor and Citizen of the Year
- s/ Dr. Paul Ogden, MD
Belvedere Representative to the
Southern Marin Paramedic System
- s/ Dr. Thomas Cromwell, MD
City of Belvedere Fire Commissioner

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

End of Measure A

