



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** September 27, 2016

From: Barb Stanton
Mayor **Item No:** 16A

Subject: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING MEASURE A ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BALLOT FOR THE APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council Adopt Resolution No. 2016-32, A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley supporting Measure A on the November 8, 2016 Ballot for the Apple Valley Fire Protection District.

SUMMARY:

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District is calling for an extension to a current property tax to be voted on at the General Municipal Election to be held on November 8, 2016. The current tax, Measure V, is scheduled to expire in June 2017. Approval of the extension will allow the tax assessment to continue beyond the expiration date.

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District has been serving the community since 1951 and currently protects about 85,000 residents within a 206 square mile area. The economic downturn and shifting of funds to the state forced the district to close two (2) neighborhood fire stations that have vastly resulted in a reduced level of service to our citizens. Passage of Measure A will increase the current property tax by \$59.88 per year and will pay for reopening these community fire stations, as well as allow the district to hire additional firefighters and paramedics.

This item will be presented by Mayor Stanton and will provide for the opportunity to present suggestions and/or receive input regarding the subject matter.

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WHEREAS, the citizens residing in the Town of Apple Valley approved Measure V, a special tax, in 1997 to provide needed funding for the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Measure V was a twenty (20) year special tax that is scheduled to expire in June 2017; and

WHEREAS, due to increased population and a rise in service calls, the Apple Valley Fire Protection District has a continual need for funding maintenance and expansion to keep up with the rapid growth of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District to extend the current tax; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax measure would cost homeowners a proposed annual rate of \$59.88; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax will allow the re-opening of two (2) fire stations in the Town of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax would reduce response times for citizens in need of service; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax would keep fire rates stabilized; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax would increase daily on duty fire staffing; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax would improve the surge capacity and response reliability of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and allow them to handle multiple simultaneous incidents which also reduces response times; and

WHEREAS, the extension of a successful tax would provide for financial stability within our community; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Apple Valley deserve not only quality facilities from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, but also confidence in their ability to provide timely assistance when in need of service; and

WHEREAS, passage of Measure A is crucial to the future success and operation of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and the service that they provide to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley enthusiastically supports Apple Valley Fire Protection District's call for an extension to its property tax at an election to be held on November 8, 2016.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the Town of Apple Valley this 27th day of September 2016.

Barb Stanton, Mayor

ATTEST:

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk