

## **MXCAB Public Comments**

**May 5, 2021**

### **Bryan Scott, Chair, East County Voters for Equal Protection**

Good afternoon, members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board. My comments today are to call your attention to the fact that the elected representatives of 97% of Contra Costa County's residents living in the eastern 31% of the County have all endorsed a solution to the region's ongoing public safety emergency.

As members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board, you, and the Board of Supervisors, must listen and act responsibly.

The City Councils of Brentwood and Oakley, along with the Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay, each unanimously passed resolutions calling on the Board of Supervisors to fund fire and emergency services in East County to a level comparable to the rest of the County.

**Oakley Mayor Sue Higgins** said "The Oakley City Council unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to dedicate a portion of the Measure X sales tax proceeds to fire services in East County."

Speaking as a private citizen, she said "This investment is critical to the consolidation efforts of ECCFPD (East Contra Costa Fire Protection District) and ConFire (Contra Costa County Fire Protection District). The Measure X investment and consolidation will help save lives, and should be supported by all East County residents."

**Brentwood Mayor Joel Bryant** said "This is desperate, this is desperate times that we're trying to take care of," to KPIX 5 News Reporter Da Lin. "Just one minute of delay can cause significant problems, even perhaps death," he said.

**Discovery Bay Board of Directors Member Carolyn Graham** said "I believe the motivation of the majority of the people who voted for Measure X wanted some of the monies to go towards increased fire protection funding." Speaking as a private citizen, she said "I'm looking forward to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors making that a reality."

"The average fire protection response time in 2020 for Discovery Bay was 9:43 minutes, the time should be 4 minutes," she said. "One life lost, one home lost or damaged, is one too many. Discovery Bay citizens should have a right to the same level of fire protection that is the standard in most other areas in the County."

**Oakley City Council Member Anissa Williams** said "Fire protection is one of the most pressing issues for East County residents." Speaking as a private citizen she said "Our response times are woefully lacking compared to our neighboring cities, and we simply need more manpower and stations to meet these critical benchmarks."

"Fire was listed as one of the recipients for Measure X funds, and it swayed many people to tax themselves," Williams said. "We now need these funds to be released for the safety of our

communities, so that the resources of adjoining cities are not drained, should an emergency arise.”

**Brentwood City Council Member Karen Rarey** said in a TV news segment “We are in a crisis mode. We need to do something. We cannot continue in this mode any longer.”

**County Supervisor John Gioia** said “I support using Measure X funds to support East County Fire issues,” in an email dated March 5, 2021, speaking as and to a private citizen.

In a second email, dated March 9, 2021, Supervisor Gioia said “I just don’t think it’s appropriate for me to sign on to anything right now. I know your Supervisor Burgis is working on this and I do support Measure X funding for East County Fire issues.”

A service level comparable with the rest of the county would mean increasing the number of fire stations in the region from three to six. This goal was recommended by industry consultants five years ago.

Achieving this goal could be accomplished by dedicating just 15% of Measure X sales tax revenues to this purpose.

All 130,000 residents of the County’s fastest growing region have a right to expect a level of fire and emergency medical service that is comparable to the rest of the County.

The **Executed Resolutions** passed by the City Councils of Brentwood and Oakley, and the Town of Discovery Bay’s Board of Directors, are attached as an **Appendix** to this Public Comment. Thank you.

***Attached: Measure X Resolutions.pdf***

**RESOLUTION 2021-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD  
ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE A FIXED  
PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS  
TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD or District) provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, during the time ECCFPD has existed in its service area, including Brentwood, it has seen population growth, and the costs associated with ECCFPD services have exceeded increases in funding, so that ECCFPD is unable to adequately respond to the community's emergency medical and fire protection needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting public safety emergency is well-documented, such that ECCFPD does not have sufficient funding to pay for the personnel, stations, and equipment necessary to adequately protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Brentwood and the region expect growth to continue, increasing the ECCFPD service area population to nearly 200,000 by the year 2040, which will generate even greater need and demand; and increase the pressure on the severely under-funded District; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors submitted a half-cent sales tax measure to the voters at an election held on November 3, 2020; and

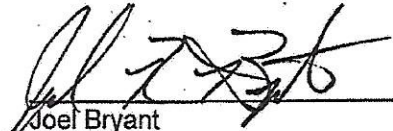
**WHEREAS**, as passed, the measure ("Measure X") is expected, for 20 years, to annually generate, an estimated \$81 million in new County general fund revenues that the Board of Supervisors can allocate to address a wide array of community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure X revenues are expected to support essential County services, such as fire and emergency medical response services and other crucial safety-net services, some of which are provided directly by County agencies and some of which are provided by special-purpose agencies such as ECCFPD.

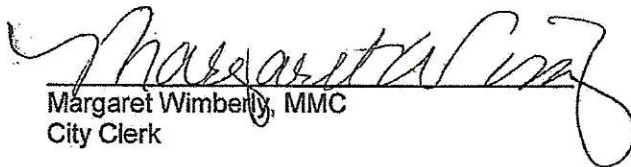
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood, does request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Brentwood and East Contra Costa County.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Brentwood at a regular meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Bryant, Mendoza, Meyer, Rarey, Rodriguez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**RECUSE:** None


  
Joel Bryant  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Margaret Wimberly, MMC  
City Clerk

I, Margaret Wimberly, City Clerk of the City of Brentwood, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the City Clerk's Office.

2/4/2021  
Dated

  
#02: Margaret Wimberly, MMC, City Clerk



## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-21**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLEY ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD or District) provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, during the time ECCFPD has existed in its service area, including Oakley, it has seen population growth, and the costs associated with ECCFPD services have exceeded increases in funding, so that ECCFPD is unable to adequately respond to the community's emergency medical and fire protection needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting public safety emergency is well-documented, such that ECCFPD does not have sufficient funding to pay for the personnel, stations, and equipment necessary to adequately protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakley and the region expect growth to continue, increasing the ECCFPD service area population to nearly 200,000 by the year 2040, which will generate even greater need and demand; and increase the pressure on the severely under-funded District; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors submitted a half-cent sales tax measure to the voters at an election held on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as passed, the measure ("Measure X") is expected, for 20 years, to annually generate, an estimated \$81 million in new County general fund revenues that the Board of Supervisors can allocate to address a wide array of community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure X revenues are expected to support essential County services, such as fire and emergency medical response services and other crucial safety-net services, some of which are provided directly by County agencies and some of which are provided by special-purpose agencies such as ECCFPD; and.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Oakley, does request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Oakley and East Contra Costa County.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 by the following vote:


AYES: Fuller, Higgins, Meadows, Pope, Williams

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

**ATTEST:**

  
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Libby Vreonis, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
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Sue Higgins, Mayor

2/17/2021  
Date





**TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION 2021-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY,  
A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT,  
ADVOCATING FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO OBLIGATE  
A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MEASURE X FUNDS TO THE EAST  
CONTRA COSTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO FULLY OPERATE  
THREE ADDITIONAL FIRE STATIONS TO ENHANCE THE DISTRICT'S  
FIRE SERVICE RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District ("ECCFPD") provides emergency medical response, firefighting, fire prevention, hazardous waste response, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, during the time ECCFPD has existed in its service area, including the Town of Discovery Bay, it has seen population growth, and the costs associated with ECCFPD services have exceeded increases in funding, so that ECCFPD is unable to adequately respond to the community's emergency medical and fire protection needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting public safety emergency is well-documented, such that ECCFPD does not have sufficient funding to pay for the personnel, stations, and equipment necessary to adequately protect the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Discovery Bay and the region expect growth to continue, increasing the ECCFPD service area population to nearly 200,000 by the year 2040, which will generate even greater need and demand; and increase the pressure on the severely under-funded ECCFPD District; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Supervisors submitted a half-cent sales tax measure to the voters at an election held on November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as passed, the measure ("Measure X") is expected, for 20 years, to annually generate, an estimated \$81 million in new County general fund revenues that the Board of Supervisors can allocate to address a wide array of community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure X revenues are expected to support essential County services, such as fire and emergency medical response services and other crucial safety-net services, some of which are provided directly by County agencies and some of which are provided by special-purpose agencies such as ECCFPD.


**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TOWN OF DISCOVERY BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Request that the County Board of Supervisors dedicate a fixed percentage of the proceeds of Measure X, sufficient to provide for three additional fire stations in the ECCFPD service area, to benefit the residents of Discovery Bay and East Contra Costa County.

**SECTION 2.** That this action is effective immediately.


**SECTION 3.** The Board Secretary shall certify the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

  
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Bryon Gutow  
Board President

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District at a regularly scheduled meeting, held on February 3, 2021 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

  
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Michael R. Davies  
Board Secretary