

Lisa Driscoll

From: Sue Higgins <Higgins@ci.oakley.ca.us>
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2021 7:10 AM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Cc: Bryan Scott
Subject: ECCFD funds

Public Comments

I respectfully request the committee consider the funding needs of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District. The District is underfunded in proportion to its size and population. These measure X monies gives the District on opportunity to be safely serve our communities. The District has a true need that benefits all of East Contra Costa. This is an opportunity to save Lives! Thank you for consideration.

Mayor Sue Higgins Oakley

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Lisa Driscoll

From: jon ulricksen <ulricksen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: measure X

Dear Ms. Driscoll...My name is Jon Ulricksen a resident of Brentwoos for 30 years, I am a retired Fire Captain from the Dublin San Ramon fire district..The district I worked in was closely the same as it is here in East County..Having three stations for a population and area is criminal as it puts life and property at risk every day..The firefighters ask to do this places their lives at risk as well..Therefore I plead to you to consider funding that would let us all sleep better...Thank you...

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lisa Driscoll

From: mesloan1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: MEASURE X COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

Good morning Lisa,

I would like to add my voice to those requesting that the Measure X Advisory Board strongly consider the requests being made by the East County fire district chiefs, and others, for more funding.

For many years we have been the bastard stepchild of the county, and for too long have been ignored when it comes to fire and emergency services for these communities.

There is an extremely large senior citizen community in this end of the county, and we deserve to be treated just as well as the rest of the county when it comes to emergency services.

Thank you for your time to review this request, and for forwarding it on to the Advisory Board for their consideration on May 19th.

Michael Sloan
1109 Jonagold Way
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**MXCAB Public Comments, Agenda Item 4
May 19, 2021
Bryan Scott, Chair, East County Voters for Equal Protection**

Good afternoon, members of the Measure X Community Advisory Board. At the May 19 meeting Fire Chiefs from throughout the County are scheduled to present the mission, performance trends, problems and opportunities for county fire districts, as well as to propose that the MXCAB recommend certain funding.

Specific to fire and emergency medical response services, it will be important for MXCAB members and alternates to understand:

1. How does the “Unavailable Time” now experienced by 130,000 East County residents compare with “Unavailable Time” experienced by residents of other parts of the County?
2. How much worse has the disproportionate per-person fire/EMS services funding (\$94 versus \$149, \$370, \$449 in 2015), presented by the 2016 LAFCO Municipal Services Review, gotten since the report was issued?
3. What impact does population-growth-rate have on fire/EMS service delivery measurements? What are the projected growth rates of the respective fire district service areas throughout the County? What actual or estimated population increases have these service areas experienced over the last twenty years?
4. Specific to the East County service area, and East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD), will 13% of the Measure X funding, roughly \$12 million annually, provide for staffing of the three additional fire stations specified as needed in the CityGate consulting report?
5. Specific to the East County service area, will increasing the number of fire stations from three to six eliminate ECCFPD “Unavailable Time”?
6. Specific to the East County service area, will increasing the number of on-duty firefighters from nine (9) to eighteen (18) significantly reduce response times, thereby saving lives and decreasing property loss?
7. Will ConFire, as the potential successor-agency for ECCFPD in the event of annexation/consolidation, commit to providing equitable and comparable services levels uniformly across all of its service areas?

In preparation for this meeting, a review of Public Comment materials submitted at each of the prior five MXCAB meetings might be beneficial. This material includes:

Meeting

Date	Comment Topic Area
4/12	Introductory Public Comments and a formal definition of need, the public safety emergency in East County. Appendix: (CityGate Vol. 1); ECV Profile. Microsoft Word - Public Comments MXCAB 4-13-2021.docx

- 4/21 Public Comment including a White Paper describing the historical cause of the East County public safety crisis, and the 2002 fire district consolidation promises that were ignored. **Appendix: LAFCO Table 4.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comment 4-21-2021.docx](#)
- 4/28 Public Comment regarding Seniors, and how EMS response is the enabler of more effective/efficient government services to all groups; **Appendix: ECCFPD Press Release.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comment 4-28-2021.docx](#)
- 5/5 Public Comment regarding City/Town elected representatives supporting the solution to this public safety emergency, Measure X funding, a compilation of quotes and a compilation of three resolutions. **Appendix: The three signed resolutions.** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comments 5-5-2021.docx](#)
- 5/12 Public Comment regarding Q1 2021 Unavailable Time, with Gil Guerrero's LAFCO testimony, and link to the recording. **Appendix: ECCFPD Operational Report for March, 2021** [Microsoft Word - MXCAB Public Comments 5-12-2021.docx](#)

If a MXCAB member or alternate has any questions about the Public Comment materials or the subject area, I am eager to engage, as the Chair of East County Voters for Equal Protection. My email address is scott.bryan@comcast.net and my office phone number is 925-418-4428.

Lisa Driscoll

From: Pat Ziobro <patriciaziobro@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 5:31 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Written Public Comment for Measure X Community Advisory Board Meeting

I am a resident of East Contra Costa County and I wish to convey my urgent concerns regarding the lack of adequate fire and emergency services in East County. Our government's highest priority for the use of tax revenue must be public safety. I urge you to direct sufficient revenue from Measure X taxes to bring ECCFPD funding to a level comparable to other fire districts in the county. You must act to designate sufficient funds to reduce our emergency response times and provide sufficient stations and support to cover the needs of our growing population and increasing numbers of personal and business structures, Our lives are depending on you.
Thank you.

Patricia Ziobro
Bethel Island, CA

Lisa Driscoll

From: Michael Mohun <mmohun@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 1:23 AM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X funding/Fire Service Protection

Dear Mrs. Driscoll,

Local 3546 represents the professional firefighters working for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in Contra Costa County. As such, we strongly urge your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. We feel it is critically important to the public safety of all the communities we serve in Contra Costa County. This vital funding is needed to reopen closed stations, hire additional firefighters, increase wildfire mitigation efforts and address critical shortcomings in our communications and training facilities. Measure X funds will help bring much needed public safety services to underserved areas of the County, promote diversity in the firefighter ranks and elevate the lifesaving capabilities of fire agencies throughout the County. We ask you to please support the Fire Service proposal and our efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Respectfully,

Mike Mohun
Local 3546
President

Lisa Driscoll

From: Demian Bannister <dbannister@srvfire.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:30 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X

Dear Mrs Driscoll,

My name is Demian Bannister. I live in the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I am happy to see that the fire service is being considered for Measure X funding. It is clear to me that the increase in fire danger and the need for better training and communications is critical for a fire department's success when protecting the citizens they serve.

I am particularly supportive of the Emergency Operations Communications center and the training tower in the District of San Ramon. I know that this will provide the protection that the community needs during these very challenging times.

Thank you,

Demian Bannister

Lisa Driscoll

From: Eric Eric <ericc65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Cc: Eric Sabye
Subject: Measure X committee
Attachments: Measure X - FINAL[2].pptx

Measure X Committee,

Hello my name is Eric Sabye, I am both a citizen of the San Ramon Valley and a Firefighter with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I am in support of the request for funds for the fire service. I believe this will enhance our ability to serve. All of the initiatives that are requested are greatly needed. Please support the fire service in this matter.

Respectfully,

Eric Sabye

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Mrs Driscoll,

My name is Casey Rivers. I am a citizen of the San Ramon Valley Fire District. I would like to express my approval of the Fire Service request for support from the Measure X funds. As a firefighter, I believe in what we do, and am dedicated to the citizens we serve.

These funds would serve the community well. I believe they would be provided with the service that will more than reward the cost from the Measure. We are always trying to improve and strive to deliver the best level of service to the community. Improved communications, opportunity for education and training, improved fire protection and scholarship opportunities all benefit the community significantly.

Respectfully,

Casey Rivers

Lisa Driscoll

From: Kevin Rawitzer <krawitzer@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Cc: kevin rawitzer
Subject: Re: Measure X

Mrs. Driscoll,

Please take a moment to read my request for measure x funds to be allocated to support Bay Area fire departments. As a lifelong citizen living in Danville and San Ramon and also a 19 year veteran firefighter, I fully support San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in it's quest to build a state of the art training tower and a communications center. The district is also leading the charge in new services to its citizens including but not limited to a mental health program that will undoubtedly change the way fire departments all over the country do business.

In closing, please consider San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District for the measure X funds during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kevin Rawitzer
925-997-5641

Sent from my iPhone

On May 19, 2021, at 7:52 AM, Lisa Driscoll <Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us> wrote:

I am unable to access your public comment.

..... Lisa

Lisa Driscoll, County Finance Director
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From: kevin rawitzer <krawitzer@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:34 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll <Lisa.Driscoll@cao.cccounty.us>
Cc: kevin rawitzer <krawitzer@aol.com>
Subject: Measure X

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<image001.png> Mrs. Driscoll,
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Dear Mrs Driscoll

I am a proud citizen of the San Ramon Valley. I am also a firefighter with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District. I can not say how proud I am of the citizens I serve that they have approved of the Measure X funds and of those responsible for administrating the funds on the part of the community.

Over the course of the past several years, and especially the last two years, we have been experiencing an increase in fires. Now more than ever all of us are aware of the dangers. The sky is a constant reminder of the fires around us, and it seems that it is only going to get worse.

I support the proposal to allocate funds to the projects that are brought before the committee in support of the fire service. We, the citizens, need fire protection that meets the increasing dangers. We can achieve this with better communications, opportunities for education and training, risk reduction, and especially risk reduction in wild-land interface communities. We are in great need for disaster preparedness as we have seen over the last year with the pandemic.

I particularly applaud the services that will be provided with the assistance that these funds provide the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District in provide us with an Emergency Operations Communications Center and a training tower for the firefighters.

Thank you very much for all you do,

Dave Gery.

Lisa Driscoll

From: Michelle Lee <MichelleLee@srvfire.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X -- Critical Support of CCC Fire Service Proposal

Dear Ms. Driscoll,

As citizens of California, we have become acutely aware of the tremendous danger wildfires present to us all each year and have seen how that risk has increased exponentially with each passing year. As a fire board member I am hugely concerned about the essential preparation needed to protect lives and property during the fire seasons to come. The California Office of Emergency Services reported that it used to be 1-3 counties declaring state of emergencies due to fire; whereas, last year, 30 counties declared a state of emergency. Wildfires have cost the counties millions and billions of dollars, and more importantly, citizens lives. The National Fire Protection Association reports that the average annual suppression cost has nearly doubled over the past decade compared to the previous one, up to \$400M, and the most recent CAL Fire data indicates that \$700M was anticipated to be spent on suppression last fiscal year. When money is spent on suppression, there is less spent on prevention. Additionally, I hear regularly from residents who have experienced a doubling of their homeowners insurance or deep-seated worry about the renewed possibility of homeowners policy cancellation due to wildfire risk. Preparedness, training, and fire prevention are all part of beating back the threat and reducing the risks for all.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is an all-risk fire agency, located in Contra Costa County, and serving the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Town of Danville, Diablo, City of San Ramon, southern Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley. As a Director on the Board of Directors for the San Ramon Valley Protection District, I implore your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. This new San Ramon Valley Communications/Emergency Operations Center will have the ability to back up *all* fire agencies in the County; while funding for South County training facility will allow us to keep firefighting resources in the County and available for emergencies. In addition, enhancing the firefighting resources and capabilities in currently underserved areas of the County lessens the strain on existing resources and reduces responses times throughout the County and availability for mutual aid. And finally, as we have witnessed over the past decade, wildfire season is now year-round, with higher, more complex woodland-urban interface fire challenges and devastating impacts on local communities. Measure X will greatly increase our ability to provide enhanced vegetation management and fire prevention measures that are critical to safeguarding our communities throughout Contra Costa County.

Again, please support the Fire Service proposal and our combined, comprehensive efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Thank you in advance for your considerable support!

Respectfully,

Michelle Lee

Michelle R. Lee, Board Member
Board of Directors, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
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925-553-9269 mobile

Lisa Driscoll

From: Gorton, Joe <jgorton@sanramon.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X Funding Request

Good afternoon Lisa,

I am writing in full support of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protections District's funding request from Measure X. These dollars will go a long way in ensuring the southern portion of the county is positioned to address major emergencies as they occur. Even more important to the County, is the addition of a fully functioning Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Communications Center creates a needed redundancy in the County and provides an alternative location should any other public safety entity's emergency operations facilities become compromised. Agencies working together and supporting each other mitigate unforeseen circumstances that inevitably occur during large scale emergencies. The addition of a new San Ramon Valley 911 Communications/Emergency Operations Center will create a safety net not only for the 200,000 residents it serves, but also for the entire county.

You may be aware that the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and City of San Ramon Police Department have forged a strategic public safety partnership that has proven to enhance of the safety of our community as well as the safety of our police and firefighters. The enhanced level of public safety is a direct result of consolidating police and fire emergency 9-1-1 dispatching services and upgrading the San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center to a Primary Public Safety Answering Point (or Primary PSAP). One aspect of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funds pertains to building a new San Ramon Valley 911 Communications/Emergency Operations Center. This new emergency operations center is vital to the continued protection of residents, businesses and first responders in the greater San Ramon Valley, as well providing emergency backup dispatch capability for all fire agencies in Contra Costa County.

The cost/benefit ratio is clear that this modest funding request will create a major benefit for a large portion of the County population and serve an additional benefit of creating an emergency backup for the rest of the County if necessary.

Please consider funding this request.

Respectfully,

Joe Gorton, City Manager
City of San Ramon
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road
San Ramon, California 94583
P/ (925) 973-2530



Due to the Public Health Order from Contra Costa Health Services, all City facilities are now closed. Some services are still available over the phone and online. Please visit www.bit.ly/CityServices for the latest information regarding City services. Let's all do what we can to flatten the curve!

Lisa Driscoll

From: Donald Parker <donald-parker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Lisa Driscoll
Subject: Measure X

Dear Ms. Driscoll;

My name is Donald Parker, I write this email as a resident of Danville for the past 43 years. I am a retired firefighter and former fire chief from the city of Vallejo. Additionally, I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District for the last six years. I am asking for your support the Measure X fire service proposal that is currently before your committee.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is an all-risk fire agency, located in Contra Costa County, and serving the communities of Alamo, Blackhawk, Town of Danville, Diablo, City of San Ramon, southern Morgan Territory and the Tassajara Valley. As the District Board of Directors, we strongly urge your support of the Fire Service proposal for Measure X funding. This new San Ramon Valley Communications/Emergency Operations Center will have the ability to back up all fire agencies in the County; while finding for South County training facility will allow us to keep firefighting resources in the County and available for emergencies. In addition, enhancing the firefighting resources and capabilities in currently underserved areas of the County lessens the strain on existing resources and reduces responses times throughout the County. And finally, as we have witnessed over the past decade, wildfire fire season is now year-round, with devastating impacts on local communities. Measure X will greatly increase our ability to provide enhanced vegetation management and fire prevention measures that are critical to safeguarding our communities throughout Contra Costa County.

Again, we ask you to please support the Fire Service proposal and our efforts to make Contra Costa a safer place for all.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Donald R. Parker, Director
San Ramon Fire Protection District