

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE F-06**

Shall an assessment increase from \$7 to \$25 be imposed by the Cambria Community Healthcare District per unimproved parcel per year and from \$20 to \$85 per improved parcel per year, on all real property (except that of federal, state, or local governmental agency) within the boundaries of said Healthcare District, for the purpose of upgrading general district operations and increase paramedic staffing within said boundaries?

YES

NO

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE F-06**

This measure will determine whether an assessment increase shall be imposed by the Cambria Community Health Care District ("the District") for the purpose of upgrading general district operations and increasing paramedic staffing within the District's boundaries.

The District currently imposes an annual assessment in the amount of seven dollars (\$7.00) per unimproved parcel and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per improved parcel on all real property within the boundaries of the District. On February 21, 2006 the District Board determined that it is in the best interests of property owners, residents, and visitors of the District to provide improvements to the general district operations, including, but not limited to, the hiring of additional paramedics. The District has determined that these improvements can only be paid for by an increase in the amount of the assessment currently levied by the District on all unimproved and improved real property within the District.

Article XIII of the California Constitution requires that the imposition, extension or increase of any assessment imposed by the District be approved by two-thirds (2/3's) of the qualified voters of the District. If this measure is approved, the current annual assessment imposed on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District shall increase from \$7.00 to \$25.00, and the current annual assessment imposed on each parcel of improved real property within the District shall increase from \$20.00 to \$85.00.

If approved, the District may provide for the collection of the increased assessment by the San Luis Obispo County Tax Collector in the same manner, along with and at the same time, and subject to the same penalties, as other property taxes collected by the County Tax Collector.

A "yes" vote on this Measure is a vote in favor of increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District from \$7.00 to \$25.00, and increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of improved real property within the District from \$20.00 to \$85.00, for the purpose of providing improvements to the general district operations.

A "no" vote on this Measure is a vote against increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of unimproved real property within the District from \$7.00 to \$25.00, and increasing the annual assessment currently levied on each parcel of improved real property within the District from \$20.00 to \$85.00, for the purpose of providing improvements to the general district operations.

s/ JAMES B. LINDHOLM, JR.  
County Counsel

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F-06**

Imagine someone has been injured in a vehicle accident on the highway north of San Simeon. Our paramedic ambulance is dispatched and is transporting the patient to the hospital. Suddenly, you begin having crushing chest pain and shortness of breath. After several minutes you tell your family to call 911 but the next available paramedic ambulance is 30 minutes away. It is now well over an hour before you are in the emergency room at a hospital getting the definitive treatment you need to survive.

The Cambria Community Healthcare District has provided ambulance service to the North Coast of San Luis Obispo County for the past 55 years. With the dedication of paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) committing countless hours providing coverage of the District's second ambulance, the scenario above has rarely occurred.

The availability of these paramedics and EMTs has decreased over the past few years due to retirement, relocation, and other commitments. We now have a minimal number of individuals putting in countless hours to keep the second ambulance staffed.

The current system of staffing the second ambulance will cease to exist within the next year or two due to additional retirements and personnel relocating to other areas of the County. The above scenario could become an increasingly common occurrence if we don't act now.

For about \$5.00 a month, Measure F-06 will provide funding to ensure that there is a paramedic on duty with the second ambulance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This will allow the North Coast to have the paramedic ambulance coverage that is needed well into the future.

A yes vote on measure F-06 will save lives, and the life you save could be your own!

s/ DONALD L. MELENDY  
Administrator, Cambria Community Healthcare District

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE F-06 WAS SUBMITTED**