COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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August 15, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF TAX RATE LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 VOTER-APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

1. Adopt the attached resolution fixing the Fiscal Year 2006-07 tax rate for the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County voter-approved special tax to levy the special tax in Fiscal Year 2006-07 at the Fiscal Year 2005-06 rates.

2. Instruct the Fire Chief and the Auditor-Controller to take all actions necessary to implement the special tax levy for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the attached resolution will authorize the Fiscal Year 2006-07 levy of the Consolidated Fire Protection District's (District's) special tax at the same rates as the Fiscal Year 2005-06 levy. The rate for a single family home would be $49.93, with rates for other property use types as specified in the attached resolution. Special tax revenues are utilized in maintaining essential fire suppression and emergency medical services throughout the District.

Increases in the property tax revenues in recent years have helped fund the emergency service growth needs of the District, particularly in the northern part of the County. And, with the anticipated growth of property tax in Fiscal Year 2006-07, funding will be available to meet our continued fire protection and emergency service demands, such as the conversion to a paramedic assessment engine in Rancho Palos Verdes and the future expansion of services in the high-growth areas of the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys, and also address the recently approved negotiated salary and employee benefit increases. As a result of our commitment to prudent business and fiscal management, with the assistance of a steady real estate market, this is the fourth year that no increase in the special tax levy is recommended.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) met on August 2, 2006, and made the legally required annual finding that the District is using the special tax funds only for providing fire protection and emergency medical services. Their report will be forwarded to your Board prior to the August 15th Board meeting. In addition, at the August 2nd meeting the ICOC voted to unanimously support the recommendation to maintain the special tax rate at the Fiscal Year 2005-06 level.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility, as levying the special tax for Fiscal Year 2006-07 at the same rates as the Fiscal Year 2005-06 levy will continue to provide essential revenue to the District that will be used to maintain fire protection and emergency medical services. It also satisfies the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence, as approving this action will provide funding for continuous, quality fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's adopted Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget reflects $57.9 million in special tax revenue, which is the estimated revenue of the special tax when levied at the existing Fiscal Year 2005-06 rates.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Health and Safety Code Section 13911 and California Government Code Section 50075 et seq. authorize the levying of the special tax. Your Board's approval of the attached resolution will levy the special tax at a rate of $49.93 per single family home, with rates for other property use types as specified in the resolution.

County Counsel has approved the resolution as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Levying the special tax rate at $49.93 per single family home, with rates for other property use types as specified in the resolution, will maintain essential funding to continue providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents of Los Angeles County protected by the District, while maintaining the financial stability of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:lc

Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

EXHIBIT 1

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIXING THE SPECIAL TAX RATE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE SPECIAL TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

WHEREAS, on June 3, 1997, the voters within the cities of Agoura Hills, Artesia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Bradbury, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Hawaiian Gardens, Hidden Hills, Huntington Park, Industry, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, Lakewood, La Mirada, Lancaster, La Puente, Lawndale, Lomita, Malibu, Maywood, Norwalk, Palmdale, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, Santa Clarita, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Temple City, Walnut, West Hollywood, Westlake Village and Whittier, and within the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles (the "County"), approved a special tax for fire protection and paramedic services (the "special tax"); and

WHEREAS, certain special tax rates were approved, based upon property use type and size of improvements, to be annually increased by a maximum of the lesser of (i) 2 percent or (ii) the California Consumer Price Index, which maximum special tax

rates are herein specified in Exhibit 1 attached to this Resolution, hereinafter referred to as "maximum rates"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors may annually levy an amount up to the maximum rates for the special tax as approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to levy the special tax at rates less than the maximum rates allowed, as specified and fixed in Exhibit 2 attached to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 13911 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California and Section 50075 *et seq.* of the Government Code of the State of California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, does hereby levy the special tax upon the taxable property of the County within the cities of Agoura Hills, Artesia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Bradbury, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Hawaiian Gardens, Hidden Hills, Huntington Park, Industry, Irwindale, La Canada Flintridge, Lakewood, La Mirada, Lancaster, La Puente, Lawndale, Lomita, Malibu, Maywood, Norwalk, Palmdale, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, Santa Clarita, Signal Hill, South El Monte, South Gate, Temple City, Walnut, West Hollywood, Westlake Village and Whittier, and within the unincorporated area of the County, at rates less than the maximum rates allowed, as specified and fixed in Exhibit 2 attached to this Resolution.

EXHIBIT 1

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and *ex-officio* the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
COUNTY COUNSEL

By Erin R. Young
Deputy

EXHIBIT 1

SUMMARY OF MAXIMUM RATES FOR PROPOSITION E

VOTER-APPROVED SPECIAL TAX FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

	MAXIMUM RATES* (2.0% Increase)	
LAND USE	2005-06	2006-07
Single Family Residential	$56.10	$57.22
Mobile Home in Park	28.05	28.61
Multiple Family Residential	70.86	72.28
+ Square Footage Rate (over 1,555 sq. ft.)	0.0071	0.0072
+ Square Footage Rate with sprinkler credit (over 1,555 sq. ft.)	0.0068	0.0069
Non-Residential	67.89	69.25
+ Square Footage Rate (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0457	0.0466
+ Square Footage Rate with sprinkler credit (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0439	0.0448
High Rise	82.66	84.31
+ Square Footage Rate (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0558	0.0569
+ Square Footage Rate with sprinkler credit (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0533	0.0544
Special Use	103.32	105.39
+ Square Footage Rate (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0697	0.0711
+ Square Footage Rate with sprinkler credit (over 1,555 sq. ft.)**	0.0666	0.0679
Vacant-2 acres or less	14.03	14.31
Vacant-2+ acres to 10 acres	18.51	18.88
Vacant-10+ acres to 50 acres	37.03	37.77
Vacant-50+ acres	56.10	57.22

* Maximum rates may not necessarily be the actual rates imposed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

** Capped at 100,000 square feet.

See Appendix A to the Amended and Restated Resolution of the Board of Supervisors March 4, 1997 for a full explanation of land use categories and the application of the special tax rates.

EXHIBIT 2

PROPOSITION E — VOTER-APPROVED SPECIAL TAX FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Special Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Land Use	Special Tax Rate	Special Tax Rate w/Sprinkler Credit
Single Family Residential	$49.93	NOT APPLICABLE
Mobile Home in Park	$24.96	NOT APPLICABLE
Multiple Family Residential	$63.07 + $.0064 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.	$63.07 + $.0061 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.
Non-Residential	$60.43 + $.0407 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*	$60.43 + $.0391 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*
High Rise	$73.58 + $.0496 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*	$73.58 + $.0475 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*
Special Use	$91.96 + $.0620 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*	$91.96 + $.0592 per sq. ft. over 1,555 sq. ft.*
Vacant Land - 2 acres or less	$12.48	NOT APPLICABLE
Vacant Land - more than 2 acres and less than or equal to 10 acres	$16.48	NOT APPLICABLE
Vacant Land - more than 10 acres and less than or equal to 50 acres	$32.94	NOT APPLICABLE
Vacant Land - more than 50 acres	$49.93	NOT APPLICABLE

*Capped at 100,000 square feet per parcel.