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FINDINGS BY THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ICOC) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL TAX (PROPOSITION E) FOR 2002-03 AND CONCURRENCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED 2003-04 REDUCTION

This memorandum is to advise your Board of the findings of the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee for the Fire Department's Special Tax. The Committee met on August 20, 2003, to review the District's 2003-04 Budget and fiscal forecast for 2003-04 and 2004-05. At the conclusion of this meeting, the ICOC made their annual finding that special tax funds are being expended only on fire and paramedic services in accordance with Proposition E, which authorized the special tax in 1997.

Additionally, telephone discussions were held yesterday with Committee members, and they concurred with the recommendation before your Board on September 9, 2003, to reduce the special tax by $3.00 per single family home to $49.93, with proportional reductions for all other property use types for 2003-04.

Please contact me at (323) 881-2401 if you or your staff have any questions concerning the ICOC's findings.

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