

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE D

It is irresponsible for opponents of Measure D to suggest bankruptcy for Sausalito. If anything, the opponents' would bring us closer to the brink. Their suggestion to re-establish our own Fire Department would add \$1.4 million to the City's annual budget, leading to either massive cuts in other services or a \$400 parcel tax.

For seven years we have had exceptional fire protection provided jointly by Sausalito and Southern Marin Fire Protection District (SMFPD). A YES vote on Measure D maintains these services while also saving the City money – \$184,000 in the first year alone.

By voting YES on Measure D, you increase Sausalito's participation in Fire District affairs. Management and staff remain unchanged, but with Measure D Sausalito could conceivably have a majority on the at-large elected board.

A YES vote creates the most stable long-term fire and emergency services solution. However, it is not permanent – there are established LAFCO procedures for dissolution in the unlikely event this is desired.

Measure D will do nothing to increase firefighters' salaries, which are already less than city administrators and police. In fact, if Measure D passes, the firefighters have agreed to contribute more towards their pension costs. "Double-dipping" into two pensions will not be possible.

A YES vote validates seven years of local experience, good-faith negotiations, thoughtful planning and community meetings. Independent studies have been done and have been available throughout the entire process for public review.

Vote YES on Measure D for the best fire protection, maximum public safety, and significant financial savings. See www.YesonDforFireSafety.com.

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