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SUBJECT	COUNTY COUNSEL IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS- INITIATIVE PETITION/MEASURE TO REPEAL THE SPECIAL TAX FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SERVICE ZONE FP-5 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024
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This Measure, if approved by a majority of those voting, would repeal the special tax associated with San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Service Zone FP-5. The FP-5 special tax is currently \$171.85 per parcel, with future annual inflationary increases of up to 3%, and is used to pay for fire protection and emergency medical services.

The area covered by Service Zone FP-5 and in which the special tax is paid generally includes: (a) all unincorporated areas of the County not lying within the boundaries of other districts that provide fire and emergency services; (b) the land within the incorporated boundaries of the following cities and town: Grand Terrace, Upland, San Bernardino, Needles, and Yucca Valley; and (c) the land within the boundaries of the following districts: Helendale Community Services District, City of Twentynine Palms Water District, and Crest Forest Fire Protection District. Service Zone FP-5 does not include, and the special tax is not paid in, the areas annexed into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District in 2018 by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County, specifically the Hesperia Fire Protection District and portions of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District.

The FP-5 special tax provides revenues to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District for fire protection and emergency medical services. The repeal of the FP-5 special tax will result in a reduction of revenue in the estimated amount of \$46.5 million annually, which is approximately 19% of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District's 2023-24 operating budget. This is expected to result in less fire protection and emergency medical services provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District to the public.

This Measure was placed on the ballot by initiative petition signed by the requisite number of voters. The Measure does not seek voter approval to impose any new or additional tax. This Measure will not have any effect on existing law but will operate to repeal the special tax associated with San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Service Zone FP-5.

A yes vote on this Measure will repeal the special tax for San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Service Zone FP-5 and reduce revenue to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District by approximately \$46.5 million annually.

A no vote on this Measure will keep in effect the special tax for San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Service Zone FP-5 and maintain the revenue to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District of approximately \$46.5 million annually.

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