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FULL TEXT BALLOT PROPOSITION
OF THE BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOND MEASURE ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The following is the full proposition presented to the voters by the Bear Valley Community Healthcare District (BVCHD).

"To continue maintaining local access to life-saving emergency medical care at Bear Valley Community Hospital, keep hospital medical technology/equipment up-to-date, and ensure the hospital has enough qualified doctors and nurses, shall Bear Valley Community Healthcare District extend without increasing its expiring parcel tax (\$20 for unimproved parcels, \$45 for improved) for 10 years only, with annual independent financial audits, no money for administrators, all funds dedicated to hospital services in Big Bear Valley?"

SECTION 1: KEY FACTS

The Bear Valley Community Healthcare District is committed to insuring strong, high-quality healthcare to the Big Bear Valley population and visitors to the Valley.

- The measure presented is a renewal of a parcel tax first approved by voters in 1994. It was subsequently extended by voters in 2003 and 2014.
- Since its inception in 1994, the tax has not been increased.
- The measure generates \$1.2 million that is integral to the hospital operations, community safety, health and wellness.
- The proposed renewal remains at \$45 per improved parcel and \$20 per unimproved parcel.
- The funds generated from the measure will be put in a segregated account to be used only for voter-approved purposes and will be subject to an annual report on the receipt and use of the funds that will be available to the public.
- Funds generated from the measure will go towards:
 1. Maintaining access to state-of-the-art medical technologies and equipment, including those used in the treatment of victims of accidents/strokes/heart attacks.
 2. Maintaining critical, clinical, qualified nurses and physicians at Bear Valley Community Healthcare District.
- Funds generated from the measure will not go towards administrator salaries.

SUMMARY

Rural health care facilities experience heightened financial challenges amid persisting workforce shortages, rising costs and leveling reimbursement. (Becker's Hospital Review, March 21, 2024.)

Bear Valley Community Healthcare District, which operates a rural, critical access hospital (one of 37 in California), in July, celebrated its 50th year serving the Big Bear Valley Community. Revenue from special tax proceeds for the last 30 years has allowed the District to meet the challenges of rising costs for labor and technology, including recruiting and retaining high-quality physicians, specialists, and nurses.

Due to fires, snowstorms, earthquakes and other hazards and natural disasters, the continued operation of BVCHD with skilled physicians, nurses, and modern equipment and technology ensures the quality of life and well-being of Big Bear Valley residents. Through continued financial stewardship, the District has allowed for no increase to the parcel tax in its 30-year existence, but it remains a vital financial component of operating critical healthcare services for the community.