



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE F

Measure F is not a new tax, it simply continues the sound fiscal policy begun when Fairfax overwhelmingly passed the first Measure F fifteen years ago and renewed with Measures I and J. Measure F proposes an eleven-year extension of Fairfax's special municipal tax of \$195 for the first year - increasing \$5 annually to a maximum of \$250.

Measure F will help Fairfax keep our local Police open 24/7, maintain/enhance our local Fire services and wildfire prevention efforts, fund public works projects, continue our youth/senior programs and support improving our pedestrian trails.

Every dollar raised by Measure F will stay in Fairfax for public safety, public works, youth and senior programs. Fairfax cannot afford to lose these funds – costs to maintain public services have increased. Continuation of this measure with modest increases is critical to ensure our town's fiscal solvency and independence.

Fairfax has taken aggressive actions to reduce costs:

- Trimmed pension benefits for new hires
- Town employees pay their share into pension plans
- Held less critical employee positions vacant to increase savings
- Obtained/utilized grants for infrastructure projects (e.g., mudslides, road repairs, parking lots, safety routes)
- Refinanced pre-2013 CalPers payments saving \$1.2M over 20 years

Notwithstanding these efforts, without Measure F, Fairfax will face budget shortfalls and cuts to core public services which we count on to maintain our quality of life.

Fairfax runs lean budgets and employs the fewest employees per capita of any small town in Marin. At the same time, it has maintained locally controlled 24/7 public safety services, second to none in cost and effectiveness. Public works projects have repaired local roads, led repairs of past years rain damages, improved our pedestrian trails and bicycle school safety routes. Fairfax's commitment to thrift, progressive actions and open government deserves to be preserved.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON F

/s/Barbara Coler, Fairfax Mayor

/s/Renee Goddard, Fairfax Vice Mayor

/s/Fire Chief Jason Weber, Ross Valley Fire and Marin County Fire

/s/Police Chief Christopher Morin, Fairfax Police Department

/s/Barbara Petty, Former Treasurer, Town of Fairfax & Fairfax Resident