
SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CALLING FOR A DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD IN ITS JURISDICTION ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICES AND REQUESTING THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSOLIDATE SAID ELECTION WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION CONDUCTED ON THAT DATE

WHEREAS, the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (“RVPA”) is an eight member California Joint Powers Authority formed by agreement in 1982 pursuant to the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Gov. Code, §§ 6500 *et seq.*, by and among the Cities/Towns of Corte Madera, Larkspur, Fairfax, Ross, and San Anselmo; the Kentfield Fire Protection District; the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District; and the County of Marin (“Member Agencies”) for the purpose of providing paramedic and pre-hospital emergency medical services throughout and across the Member Agencies’ jurisdictional boundaries by a single, consolidated agency; and

WHEREAS, the District been a Member Agency of RVPA since its inception over 40 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the community has consistently received responsive, high-quality paramedic and pre-hospital emergency medical care from RVPA and the Board wishes to maintain and ensure this service into the future; and

WHEREAS, RVPA is funded largely with tax revenues from its Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a statewide election will be held on November 3, 2026 (“General Election”); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 53722 allows the District to submit to the voters a proposition for the imposition of a special tax to be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters voting in an election on the issue; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District have consistently voted in favor of the RVPA special tax for paramedic services and last approved such a tax in 2022; and

SECTION 5. IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS. The District's legal counsel is hereby directed to prepare an impartial analysis of the ballot measure showing the effect of the measure on the existing law and operation of the measure.

SECTION 6. BALLOT ARGUMENT. An argument in favor of the ballot measure shall be submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District. The deadline to file arguments for or against the measure is August 17, 2026. Arguments shall be submitted to the Marin County Office of Elections and shall not exceed 300 words in length. The Office of Elections upon receipt of arguments, and after the filing deadline, shall immediately transmit copies to any known opposing parties who may then submit rebuttals.

SECTION 7. REBUTTAL ARGUMENT. The last day for filing rebuttal arguments with the Office of Elections shall be August 24, 2026 and shall not exceed 250 words in length. When the arguments for and against the measure have been selected, the Office of Elections shall send a copy of the argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against the measure, and a copy of an argument against the measure to the authors of the argument in favor of the measure.

SECTION 8. REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10403, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin is hereby requested to consolidate the general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 with the statewide General Election to be held on the same date, provide all services necessary for this election, and print ballots including the ballot measure set forth herein. The election shall be conducted in all respects as if one election, and one form of ballot shall be used.

SECTION 9. NOTICE TO COUNTY OF MARIN. The District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Marin County Board of Supervisors and the Registrar of the County of Marin, pursuant to Elections Code section 10403.

SECTION 10. NOTICE OF ELECTION. The District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the election as required by law.

SECTION 11. CERTIFICATION. The District Secretary shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

SECTION 12. EXECUTION. The District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to complete the process for placing the measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The [council/board] hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase irrespective of the fact that any one or more of same be declared invalid and unconstitutional.

SECTION 14. EXPENSES. The District hereby authorizes and directs the Elections Department, at District expense, to provide all necessary election services and to canvass the results of said election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District held in the District on the 3rd day of June 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors RICHARD SHORTALL, THOMAS FINN, and JENNIFER GAUNA

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Richard C. Shortall, Jr., Director/President

ATTEST

Thomas J. Finn, Director/Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"
ORDINANCE