WHEREAS, residents of unincorporated communities rely on the medical emergency lifesaving services, fast 911 response, wildfire protection and disaster response services provided by the equipment and firefighters housed within Alameda County Fire Department fire stations and facilities; and...

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Fire Department fire stations and facilities must continue to be prepared for unpredictable wildfires and fire risks by having stations and facilities that allow for rapid response to the thousands of acres of open space that abut our communities with adequate space to function as local resource centers in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Fire Department stations and facilities house firefighters and life-saving equipment, and need to be designed, constructed and improved to allow for optimal and quick deployment of these life-saving resources to ensure efficiency when responding to local 911 calls for medical emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents, fires and other life-safety events; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fire Safety Bond Measure was developed following extensive community input; and...

WHEREAS, all money generated is legally required to stay local for the acquisition, upgrade, and maintenance of fire stations, facilities and real property in the unincorporated communities within the district served by the Alameda County Fire Department, and none of the money can be seized by Sacramento or other government agencies; and...

Provided for informational purposes only. Excerpt from Board of Directors Resolution placing Measure X on the ballot. The Alameda County Fire Department does not advocate a yes or no vote on Measure X.
DEAR NEIGHBOR:

After gathering feedback from a thousand residents living in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, the County Board of Supervisors placed Measure X – the Alameda County Fire Department Fire Safety Bond – on the November 3, 2020 ballot to address inadequate fire stations that support fire, medical, and disaster emergency response in the unincorporated community you live in.

If enacted, Measure X will repair and upgrade outdated, aging fire stations that are at least 30 years old, including two that are over 70 years old. Doing so will help ensure efficiency when responding to wildfires or public health emergencies like the pandemic. Measure X would authorize the Department to issue up to $90 million in bonds at an estimated 1.6 cents per $100 of assessed value to repair and upgrade outdated stations, allowing the Department to address priorities identified by the public, including:

✔ Reducing 911 emergency fire and medical response times
✔ Enhancing wildfire protection and disaster response

Measure X includes Independent Citizens Oversight and annual audits. No funding can be spent on salaries, benefits, or pensions. By law, all funds are required to be spent locally, and none can be taken by the State.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM L. MCDONALD
Fire Chief, Alameda County Fire Department

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