

# **VOTE NO ON MEASURE FD. NO NEW TAXES!**

## **What is Measure FD?**

Measure FD is a new tax of \$60 per 1,000 square feet of buildings in areas of L.A. County that rely on the L.A. County Fire Department. It is on the March 3 ballot in cities that contract with L.A. County Fire and in unincorporated county areas.

## **How much will this tax cost?**

For a 1,500-square-foot house, the tax will be \$90 in the first year. Then this parcel tax will automatically increase by up to 2% per year, so in the second year, the tax would be \$91.80. In the third year, it would be \$93.64. It would continue to increase every year.

## **Don't we already pay taxes for the Fire Department?**

Yes. In addition to the general property taxes we already pay, which are supposed to fund property-related services such as fire and police protection, L.A. County property owners are **already paying a special tax** to fund the fire department. It started at \$48 per single-family home in 1997 and now is over \$70. The county supervisors could and should spend property tax revenue from the General Fund to pay for firefighters, paramedics, vehicles and equipment. The county's property tax revenues have been going up year after year, but the politicians have misspent the money. Now they want a tax increase to bail out their bad decisions.

## **Does this tax have a sunset date?**

No. Measure FD is a forever tax that goes up every year.

## **Do renters have to pay this tax?**

Yes. In many cases, landlords will be allowed to pass the tax through to their tenants, who will pay this parcel tax as part of their higher rent.

## **Do seniors have to pay this tax?**

Yes. Low-income senior property owners may apply for an exemption. There is no exemption for renters.

## **Will this tax result in higher prices in L.A. County?**

Yes. Businesses pass their higher costs through to their customers in the form of higher prices.