



San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Registrar of Voters

Initiative Petition Regarding Repeal of Special Tax for San Bernardino County Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)

Item No. 48

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- In 2021, proponents circulated an initiative petition seeking to repeal the special tax for San Bernardino County Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)
- On December 14, 2021, the Registrar of Voters certified that the initiative petition contained a sufficient number of valid voter signatures

“Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)”

“The special tax for Service Zone FP-5, authorized in 2006 in the amount of \$117 per parcel, per year with an annual 3% cost of living increase, and set yearly by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District via resolution, is hereby repealed.”

- May 13, 2021 Proponents submitted proof of publication of Notice of Intention to Circulate
- October 26, 2021 Proponents submitted Initiative Petition to Registrar of Voters with 12,070 signatures
- December 14, 2021 Registrar of Voters certified sufficiency of Initiative Petition after verifying 8,868 valid voter signatures (8,146 required)

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule).
2. Accept the Certificate of Initiative Petition dated December 14, 2021 with respect to the initiative petition entitled “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” that was filed with the Registrar of Voters on October 26, 2021.

3. Pursuant to California Elections Code section 9310(a), the Board of Directors shall do only one of the following:
 - a. Consider a proposed ordinance that would adopt the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” without alteration and, either as part of this item or within 10 days from today’s date, approve introduction of proposed ordinance, read title only of proposed ordinance and adopt proposed ordinance; or
 - b. Submit the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)”, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to Elections Code section 1405.

4. If the Board of Directors approves Recommendation 3b., above, pursuant to Elections Code section 1405, the Board of Directors shall do only one of the following:
 - a. Adopt resolution calling an election for the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” to be consolidated with the June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election (San Bernardino County Fire Protection District’s next regular election); or
 - b. Adopt resolution calling a special election for the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” on April 12, 2022 (not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days from today’s date); or
 - c. Adopt resolution calling a special election for the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” on April 19, 2022 (not less than 88 days nor more than 103 days from today’s date); or
 - d. Adopt resolution calling a special all-mail ballot election for the “Initiative to Repeal the Special Tax Associated with Fire Protection Service Zone Five (FP-5)” on April 19, 2022 (pursuant to Elections Code section 4108).