

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: McCamman

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Pass ~~the attached~~ resolution authorizing submission of a ballot argument to the voters concerning measure "C", the ambulance funding advisory vote. This ballot argument is recommended as supporting information for your advisory language previously submitted to the Clerk for the September 12, 1989, Special Election.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

6/28/89 Board of Supervisors established ballot language asking for advisory vote on ambulance funding

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Do not submit supporting arguments
- 2) Amend supporting arguments
- 3) Submit supporting arguments as recommended

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____

B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____

C. Required Add'l funding \$ _____

D. Source: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit Original of Action Form

2. Submit eleven copies of all attachments, number the pages, and list the attachments:

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required

A. Internal transfers \$ _____

B. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____

C. Reserve for contingency \$ _____

D. Description: _____

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 89-395

Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: 4

Noes: _____

Absent: Baggett Abstained: _____

~~Know~~ Approved () Denied

(X) Minute Order Attached

Dated: 7-18-89

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Mariposa, State of CA

By: _____

Deputy

ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE C

An Advisory Vote Concerning Funding for Ambulance Services

Prior to 1985, John C. Fremont Hospital supported a three-car ambulance system with cars stationed in Mariposa and Coulterville, and a backup car in Mariposa for transfers and emergency support. The hospital determined not to continue that support, and the County voluntarily assumed responsibility through a contract with a private provider. Subsequently the County has incurred costs in support of a three-car and later a two-car ambulance system. During FY 1988/89, the two-car ambulance system cost the provider approximately \$103,700, of which the County paid approximately \$85,000.

The estimated cost of the preferred three-car system is \$197,000 for FY 1989/90. The Board of Supervisors has agreed to commit at least \$100,000 of your tax dollars toward this system for FY 1989/90. The required additional funding has not been identified.

The Board of Supervisors is asking your opinion as to whether you are willing to contribute the amount needed to fund, at a minimum, a three-car system through an ordinance providing for an "improvement" assessment. The assessment may differ depending upon residential or commercial use (typically commercial use is higher, residential lower), and in future years depending upon ambulance system revenues, costs, and level of County contribution. Based upon 6,042 improved parcels, the estimated average fee would be \$16.55 per improved parcel.

Funds derived from such an assessment would be collected with property taxes, and could only be used to fund those services as defined in the County ordinance establishing the assessment - in this case, ambulance services.

Your support of this measure implementing such a benefit assessment to fund a three-car ambulance system will help ensure a desirable level of service. A "yes" vote will advise this Board of Supervisors of your support.

ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR.,
Supervisor, District I

SALLY S. PUNTE
Supervisor, District II

ERIC J. ERICKSON
Supervisor, District III

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Supervisor, District IV

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