

ELSIE-VINEMAPLE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Measure No. 4-183

BALLOT TITLE

TEN-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX CAPITOL PROJECTS

QUESTION: Shall the District impose \$40,000 TAX each year for ten years for a Capitol project beginning in 2017/18? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure will impose a local option tax levy that will start in fiscal year 2017-2018 for ten years. The measure will impose estimated taxes of \$40,000 each year for ten years for a total amount \$400,000.

If approved the taxes will be used to fund payments on a loan for the construction of a new fire station building of the Elsie-Vinemaple Fire Dept.

The taxes will be imposed in amounts of \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value in each year for ten years. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATED ONLY bases on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Station Two of the Elsie-Vinemaple Fire Department has become inadequate to meet the requirements of the fire department. This 40+ year old building needs to be replaced for the benefit of the community and the volunteers serving the citizens of the district. The top of the fire truck working out of this station rub on the roll up door as the truck goes in and out. Our other Engines do not fit at all. The length and width of the trucks allow only for bumper to bumper and nearly door to door parking. Accessing a vehicle parked in the back of the building is time consuming and awkward because we need to move the front vehicle outside to access the rear vehicle. In addition, there is no office space for the required paperwork after each call and no restrooms in which firefighters and emergency medical service personnel can clean-up after motor vehicle accidents, fire, rescue and medical calls. Storage space for refill and replacement items is confined to pallets on the gravel floor. Lack of a foundation means rodents are a major problem causing health concerns to our personnel and mechanical problems to the vehicles. We place poisons constantly to no avail. In the case of an emergency, chewed thru electrical wire on one or more front vehicles means possibly 4 vehicles out of service, putting our neighbors who rely on us at risk. Renovating this building will not address the desperate need for more room and adequate facilities. Elsie Fire has been in service in this area for 40+ years, we have never asked the taxpayers for anything over the normal tax rate. This time, for the first time we are asking for you support to be able to bring our old Station 2 up to better standards to have our VOLUNTEER STAFF be able to serve you better in working equipment and environment.

Submitted By:
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**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**