

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE OF ARGUMENT FILING DEADLINES
West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District
Mail Ballot Election
Measure M**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the **West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District** (the "District") located in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, that in accordance with applicable law, an all-mail ballot election will be held on **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**, in the District, at which election there will be submitted to the voters the question of a special tax on real property within the District.

Said measure will be referred to as "Measure M." The full text of the proposed measure is available at the Stanislaus County Elections Division, 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto, California (209-525-5200). Measure M will become effective only if approved by 2/3 of those voters voting on the measure.

The following question will be submitted to the qualified electors of the District:

"Measure M"

FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FUNDING MEASURE FOR WEST STANISLAUS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

To preserve public safety and ensure essential fire protection and emergency medical response in our community by providing funding for: reserve funds; apparatus, vehicle, and fire stations; volunteer firefighter compensation; and firefighter training shall the West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District Ordinance #2023-01 be adopted, authorizing a special tax levy, including \$125 annually per residential unit, raising approximately \$540,000 annually until repealed, with annual audits, and all money staying local?

ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST this measure may be submitted to the county elections official at the office thereof at 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto, California, not later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2023, determined by the county elections official under the authority of Section 9502 of the Elections Code. No argument shall exceed 300 words in length and the statement required in Section 9600 of the Elections Code must accompany all arguments.

REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS may be submitted to the county elections official on or before Friday, May 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. and must not exceed 250 words in length and must also be accompanied by the statement required in Section 9600 of the Elections Code.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to current California election laws, all actively registered voters in the District shall receive a vote by mail ballot. Ballot drop box(es) will be available 29 days prior to Election Day. Ballot drop box locations, dates and times will be listed in the county voter information guide and posted on www.stanvote.com. The county elections office will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that ballots from the August 29, 2023, special election are to be tallied and the canvass of the vote will be conducted at the Stanislaus County Registrar of Voters Office (central counting place) at 1021 "I" Street, Suite 101, Modesto, California, commencing no later than 9:00 a.m. August 31, 2023. Canvass procedures are open to the public. For further information call the county elections official at 209-525-5201.

Dated: May 5, 2023
Donna Linder, County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters

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