



## Local Ballot Measure: Z

# Measure Z

## Kenwood Fire Protection District

### Measure Question

Shall the Kenwood Fire Protection District adopt Ordinance No. 20/21-01 ratifying its appropriations limits to assure continued fire, rescue and emergency medical services?

### What Your Vote Means

YES	NO
A “yes” vote on Measure Z is a vote to continue the previously approved increase in the District’s appropriations (spending) limit.	A “no” vote on Measure Z is a vote against continuing the previously approved increase in the District’s appropriations (spending) limit.

### For and Against Measure Z

FOR	AGAINST
No argument was submitted in favor of Measure Z	No argument was submitted against Measure Z



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## County Counsel's Impartial Analysis of Measure Z

The Kenwood Fire Protection District ("District") has called a special election to ask voters to increase the District's appropriations (spending) limit for four years, the maximum period allowed by law. The proposed increase in the spending limit is necessary to allow use of the proceeds of a special tax ("Special Tax") previously approved by District voters. If approved by a majority of those voting, Measure Z would permit the District to maintain its current spending limitation for another four years. Measure Z was placed on the ballot by the District Board of Directors.

In 1997, District voters approved the Special Tax to support fire protection, prevention and suppression, rescue, and emergency medical response services within the District.

The California Constitution restricts governmental spending of tax proceeds, such as the District's Special Tax, by setting an annual spending limit. The Constitution authorizes voters to change this spending limit for a maximum period of four years at a time. When they approved the Special Tax in 1997, District voters also raised the District's spending limit for the maximum period (four years) allowed by the Constitution to allow the District to spend the tax money. The voters must ratify the continuation of the spending limit increase for additional four-year periods every four years. The District Board of Directors has placed Measure Z on the ballot to submit to the voters the question of whether the appropriations limit should continue for another four years.

If approved, this measure would continue the District's authority to spend the Special Tax through fiscal year 2024-25 and would allow the District to continue meeting its current operating costs, which are more than the limits otherwise allowed under the constitutional limit. If this measure fails, the District's current spending limits will be reduced, which would reduce the funds available to continue the District's current levels of service.

Measure Z does not authorize the District to impose a new assessment or increase the property tax rate. The revenues appropriated pursuant to this increase may only be used for the purposes set forth in the voter-approved Expenditure Plan to the Special Tax.

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## Full Text of Measure Z

### ORDINANCE NO. 20/21-01

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RATIFYING THE DISTRICT'S APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE MAXIMUM PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW (FOUR YEARS)**

The Board of Directors of the Kenwood Fire Protection District ("District") do ordain as follows:

#### **SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to authorize a ratification of the appropriations limit of the District for the provision of fire and emergency services. Such ratification shall be applicable for a period of four years. The revenues appropriated pursuant to this ratification are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining fire suppression equipment and apparatus, and for other necessary fire and life safety services and expenses of the District.

#### **SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT.**

The appropriations limit for the District shall be ratified for the maximum period permitted by law (four years) to allow for the use of all tax proceeds.

#### **SECTION III. LIMITED AMENDMENT.**

If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is held invalid or unenforceable by any court and such judgment becomes final, then that section may be amended by the District's Board by a majority vote to conform with the judgment of such court, provided that such amendment is consistent with the purpose and intent of this ordinance. Provisions of this ordinance relating to procedures may only be amended by ordinance.

#### **SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional and invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The people of the Kenwood Fire Protection District hereby declare that they would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

#### **SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its approval by a simple majority of the District's qualified voters voting on its approval at the special election on November 3, 2020.

**SO ORDERED.**

**ATTEST:**

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President, Board of Directors  
Kenwood Fire Protection District

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Clerk of the Board of Directors