

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CARSON, CALIFORNIA TO SUPPORT MEASURE FD: LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 911  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
MEASURE ON THE MARCH 3, 2020 BALLOT**

**WHEREAS**, The Los Angeles County Fire Department is one of the largest emergency service agencies in the world, providing life-saving services to more than 4.1 million residents and commercial businesses in 59 cities and all unincorporated areas within the County of Los Angeles through 174 neighborhood fire stations; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 10 years, Los Angeles County has seen an overwhelming increase in call volume and call complexity, with a 50% increase in call volume and only a 5% increase in paramedic squads; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years our firefighters are now also facing a year-round fire season with larger, faster-moving, and more intense wildfires, like the Woolsey, Getty, Tick and Saddleridge Fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the longer fire season combined with the dramatic increase in medical calls has placed an unprecedented strain on the men and women of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, it has also taxed the already strained resources and aging rescue and safety equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, our LA County firefighters and paramedics are currently using archaic communications systems, dating back over three decades, outdated personnel safety equipment, and outmoded rescue equipment including fire engines and rescue vehicles which are over 20 years old and expensive to repair and maintain; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been more than 20 years since LA County voters have approved funding for emergency response and fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Fire Department is proposing Measure FD, a local parcel tax measure, for the March 3, 2020 ballot. The 6 cents per square foot parcel tax will be used to support and improve emergency response. Measure FD will require approval of 2/3rds of local voters; and

**WHEREAS**, funds generated from the measure will be used to:

- Increase the number of firefighters and paramedics on duty,
- Replace and upgrade rescue vehicles and equipment (engines, Jaws of Life, defibrillators, real-time mapping software, etc.),
- Replace and upgrade safety equipment for our firefighters (breathing devices, protective clothing, etc.),

- Provide firefighters with thermal image cameras to locate and rescue vulnerable citizens in emergencies,
- Provide update communications systems (the current system is over 30 years old); and

**WHEREAS**, Measure FD would require all funds be used to support local fire protection and emergency medical response, with independent citizens' oversight and annual expenditure reports published online and made available at local libraries and neighborhood fire stations; and

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.

**SECTION 2.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council with the adoption of this resolution to SUPPORT the "LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 911 FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURE" which will provide out first responders, firefighters and paramedics, the critically important tools, equipment and staffing they need to serve our community and save lives and property.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

[signatures on the following page]

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 28th day of January, 2020.

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MAYOR ALBERT ROBLES

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK DONESIA GAUSE-ALDANA

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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SUNNY K. SOLTANI, CITY ATTORNEY

## EXHIBIT A

### Ballot Text of Measure FD

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 911 FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURE.

Shall an ordinance ensuring local firefighter/paramedic emergency response, involving house fires, wildfires, heart attacks, strokes, and car accidents by levying 6 cents per square foot for certain improved parcels, providing \$134 million annually, limited to 2% annual adjustment, until ended by voters, exempting low-income seniors, to hire/train firefighter/paramedics, upgrade/replace aging firefighter safety equipment, vehicles, facilities, life-saving rescue tools, and emergency communications technology, with independent citizens oversight, be adopted?

- YES
- NO