

## Argument for Measure A

The Peninsula Fire Protection District (PFPD) Board of Directors wishes to continue to ensure prompt emergency medical services and fire suppression within the District (which covers the entire Peninsula all the way to Road A-13 and Highway 36) with the passage of Measure A. The PFPD currently furnishes District residents with rapid and competent emergency services, and the ability to continue providing these services will be compromised if the measure is not approved.

Approval of Measure A will help maintain current fire insurance premium rates (ISO 4), prompt response time for medical or fire emergencies, and assure local control of residents' tax money to protect their safety and property. Our current assessment, of 55 cents per day for an improved lot and less for vacant property, will be sufficient for the next three years. (No major land development projects are expected in the District for the next three years). The entire parcel tax is deductible from income taxes.

Thanks to the passage of Measure D in the last election, the Board, as promised, was able to purchase and finance two new fire engines for which it makes ongoing payments, to increase staffing levels, and the salary and benefits to the paid employees. Without the continuation of these funds, it would lead to a reduction in personnel and therefore, a reduction in the services so important to the District.

We the undersigned, members of the Citizens' Advisory Group, support the Board in urging passage of Measure A. We feel that professional fire and emergency protection are quality of life issues. We urge all voters of the Peninsula Fire District to pass this measure.