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### Timber Cove Fire Protection District

#### Measure Question

**Simple Majority Needed to Pass**

Shall the number of members of the Timber Cove Fire Protection District Board of Directors be increased from three (3) to five (5)?

#### What Your Vote Means

YES	NO
A "yes" vote is to approve increasing the number of directors on the Board from three (3) to five (5).	A "no" vote is to disapprove a change in the number of directors on the Board.

#### For and Against Measure B

FOR	AGAINST
TIMBER COVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Carolynn Abst, Treasurer	No argument was submitted against Measure B



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<b>County Counsel's Impartial Analysis of Measure B</b>	<b>Argument in Favor of Measure B</b>
<p>The Timber Cove Fire Protection District ("District") is governed by a Board of Directors ("Board"). The District is authorized by state law to provide fire protection services. Since the formation of the District in 1996, it has been governed by a Board with three directors. State law authorizes an increase in the number of directors on the Board if a majority of voters in the District who vote on the measure approve. The Board has determined this increase would be in the best interest of the District and its residents, and enacted a resolution calling a special election for voters to determine if the number of directors shall be increased from three (3) to five (5). The resolution provides that the special election shall include an election for the two additional seats, which will be filled by candidates if the measure passes.</p> <p>A "yes" vote is to approve increasing the number of directors on the Board from three (3) to five (5).</p> <p>A "no" vote is to disapprove a change in the number of directors on the Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROBERT PITTMAN County Counsel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By: s/ Joshua A. Myers Chief Deputy County Counsel</p> <p><b>The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or full text of the measure, please call the Timber Cove Fire Protection District's office at (707) 847-3299 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.</b></p>	<p>Argument for Increasing the Timber Cove Fire Protection District Elected Board from three (3) to five (5) members:</p> <p>Current number of board directors is three. This means a quorum is two. Directors are often stymied in discussing and researching issues outside a board meeting because of sunshine laws when a quorum is reached. Making the workings of the board transparent to the community is a good thing, but over-hampering research and discovery work is a burden.</p> <p>The work of the board has increased beyond what three directors can handle. There are now two ad hoc committees (one for coordination with the county and other FPD's and one for future planning) and directors must participate in this work.</p> <p>Five directors (whose work will remain voluntary) would better facilitate the work of the board to continue volunteer fire services long into the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TIMBER COVE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT s/Carolynn Abst, Treasurer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No argument was submitted against Measure B</b></p>