

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**FROM: PAT A. DENNEN, Fire Chief/Fire Warden**  
**San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District** **LAFCO**  
**San Bernardino County**

**SUBJECT: CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FORMATION OF  
IMPROVEMENT ZONE FP-5 (HELENDALE/SILVER LAKES) AND CALLING  
FOR A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION FOR INCREASED FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing body of San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District, County Service Areas 38 and 70 (County Fire):

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider the formation of County Service Area 70, Improvement Zone FP-5 (Helendale/Silver Lakes) for the purpose of providing the Helendale/Silver Lakes residents with an increased level of fire and emergency medical services, and adopt **Resolution No. 2006-77** forming improvement zone FP-5 with fire protection powers.
2. Authorize the Special Districts Department to conduct a special tax mailed ballot election for June 30, 2006, to establish a special tax in the amount of \$117.00 per parcel, per year, beginning with the 2006/07 fiscal year, including a maximum 3% annual cost of living increase, to provide financing for the increased level of fire and emergency services proposed within the boundaries of County Service Area 70, Improvement Zone FP-5 (Helendale/Silver Lakes).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** County Fire Station No. 4 in County Service Area 38 (CSA 38), currently provides fire services to the community of Helendale/Silver Lakes. These services are currently funded through a share of general property taxes. The citizens of the Helendale/Silver Lakes area serviced by CSA 38 have requested that an election be conducted to determine if registered voters in their area would be in favor of approving a new special tax for increased fire and emergency medical services.

CSA 38 currently receives \$501,432 per year in property tax revenues, and appropriates \$501,432 per year for salaries, benefits and services/supplies, to operate Fire Station No. 4. Of this amount; \$348,722 funds two (2) paid call firefighters per 24-hour day and one (1) regular full-time captain; and \$152,710 funds services/supplies, use of vehicles and indirect overhead consisting of command and support charges. The General Fund provides CSA 38 with funding to support two (2) full-time Captains that provide services to the areas outside of the Helendale/Silver Lakes community, which is commonly referred to the "Unfunded Fire Protection Area".

cc: w/ resolution  
SDD-Sutton  
County Counsel-Krahelski  
St. Board of Equalization w/ check  
Assessor-R. Schneider  
Recorder  
Auditor-S. Kelly  
ROV  
Surveyor  
LAFCO-Tuerpe  
File-SDD CSA 70-FP-5

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

**Resolution No. 2006-77**

**APPROVED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

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**DENA M. SMITH, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: April 18, 2006

**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FORMATION OF IMPROVEMENT  
ZONE FP-5 (HELENDALE/SILVER LAKES) AND CALLING FOR A SPECIAL  
TAX ELECTION FOR INCREASED FIRE SERVICES**

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If the special tax is approved, the improvement zone would receive approximately \$1,157,000 in special tax revenue, in addition to the \$501,432 share of property tax revenue and \$310,262 in general fund support for service to the Unfunded Fire Protection Area in this vicinity; thus resulting in total annual revenue of \$1,968,694 to finance the existing and increased level of fire services to the community of Helendale/Silver Lakes and surrounding Unfunded Fire Protection Area.

The \$1,157,000 in special tax revenue will provide for three (3) regular full-time engineers, and six (6) regular full-time firefighter paramedics. The special tax funds will also be used to fund additional services/supplies needs that will result from the increased staffing and equipment at the station. The 3% maximum annual cost of living increase will ensure the district can continue this level of fire services in the future.

For several months, County Fire staff has met with residents and the Silver Lakes Homeowners Association (HOA) to determine the cost and scope of work to be performed. The HOA has committed to donate \$15,000 to County Fire toward the estimated \$30,000 in improvement zone formation and election costs. The HOA also mailed a survey out to all members of the Association. The results of the survey indicated a favorable response of the member residents, who returned the survey, for increased fire services in the area. Therefore, it appears that both the HOA and the residents in the area are in support of this proposal and staff recommends establishing the improvement zone and conducting the election.

If a special tax election is authorized, a ballot will be sent to each of the registered voters within the proposed boundary of the district. If at least two-thirds of the registered voters who return their ballots approve the special tax, then County Fire will return to the Board of Supervisors to request authorization for the placement of the \$117.00 per parcel special tax on the 2006-2007 tax roll.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This action has been reviewed by County Counsel (L. Thomas Krahelski, Deputy, 387-5436) on April 10, 2006; and reviewed by the County Administrative Office, (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on April 7, 2006.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** If the mailed ballot election for fire services special tax is successful, an operating budget would be developed for Improvement Zone FP-5 to appropriate the additional special tax funds of \$1,157,000 that would finance an increased level of fire operations beginning in fiscal year 2006/07. Fire will pay for all administration costs including mailed ballot and overhead costs (estimated at \$30,000) from the FY 2005/06 County Fire CSA 38 Budget (SGP 290 A80), and anticipates receiving a \$15,000 donation from the Silver Lakes HOA to offset these costs.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** First

**PRESENTER:** Pat A. Dennen, Chief 387-5948

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2006-77**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70, APPROVING FORMATION OF  
IMPROVEMENT ZONE FP-5 (HELENDALE/SILVER LAKES) OF  
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 70.**

On Tuesday, April 18, 2006, on motion by Supervisor Gonzales duly seconded by Supervisor Biane and carried, the following resolution is adopted:

SECTION 1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino hereby finds and determines:

(a) That County Service Area 70 is organized and operated under the authority of Chapter 2.2 of Division 2, Title 3 of the Government Code (commencing with Section 25210.1) and is authorized to provide fire protection and paramedic services, among other functions.

(b) That the proceedings for formation of certain described territory into an improvement zone of County Service Area 70, to be known as Improvement Zone FP-5, were initiated by this Board at the request of affected property owners.

(c) That the exterior boundaries of the territory proposed to be formed into the said improvement zone are described and set forth in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

(d) That the territory hereinabove described is in need of said services and will benefit thereby; that said services may be extended to such territory and can most conveniently be provided to such territory by formation of said improvement zone.

(e) That the County Surveyor and the County Assessor have reviewed the

1 proposed boundary description. Their report states that boundaries are definite and  
2 certain, as described herein, and do not split any lines of ownership as shown on the  
3 last equalized assessment roll or by documents of record.

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5 (f) That this Board called for a public hearing on the proposed formation to  
6 be held on this date at 10:00 a.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors,  
7 County Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor, San  
8 Bernardino, California, and directed the Clerk of the Board to give notice of the  
9 hearing.

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11 (g) That required notice was given and a public hearing was held on said  
12 date and all parties desiring to be heard have been heard and testimony and evidence  
13 for and against the proposed formation, if any, were duly considered.

14 (h) That County staff has determined that this action is exempt from  
15 environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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17 SECTION 2. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San  
18 Bernardino, acting in its capacity as the governing body of County Service Area 70,  
19 therefore, hereby resolves and orders:

20 (a) That the territory described on Exhibit "A" should be, and it hereby is,  
21 ordered formed into Improvement Zone FP-5 with the power to provide fire protection  
22 and paramedic services therein.

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24 (b) That the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to certify to the passage of  
25 this resolution and to file copies of same and a map or plat indicating the boundaries  
26 of the affected territory with the County Assessor and the State Board of Equalization;  
27 the Clerk is further directed to request the recordation of this resolution in the official  
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1 records of San Bernardino County and to forward copies of this resolution and the  
2 map or plat to the following: The Registrar of Voters of the County of San Bernardino,  
3 the Surveyor of the County of San Bernardino, and the Auditor of the County of San  
4 Bernardino; the Clerk is further directed to file an appropriate Notice of Exemption in  
5 connection therewith.  
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7 (c) That there will be no exchange of property tax revenue between the  
8 affected taxing agencies as the result of this formation.  
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10 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino  
11 County, State of California, by the following vote:  
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13 AYES: Supervisors: Biane, Hansberger, Ovitt, Gonzales  
14 NOES: Supervisors: None  
15 ABSENT: Supervisors: Postmus  
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17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
18 ) ss.  
19 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO )

20 I, DENA M. SMITH, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County,  
21 California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the record  
22 of this action as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of  
23 April 18, 2006. No.89 jrh

24 DENA M. SMITH  
25 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
26 of the County of San Bernardino  
27 By   
28 Deputy Clerk

