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To: Michael J. Scarpello, Registrar of Voters

County of San Bernardino

Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters

Mr. Scarpello,

My name is Doug Qualls. I am a volunteer representing a citizens group which is supporting the Apple Valley Fire Protection District's Measure which will appear on the June 3, 2014 ballot.

Enclosed is an original copy of the Argument for the District's Measure which has been signed by five supporting Apple Valley community members.

As the name of the Measure has yet to be assigned, you will note three areas on the document are blank. It is my understanding that the ROV will fill in those blanks once assigned.

Additionally, a copy of the argument has been submitted to the Apple Valley Fire Protection District administrative offices.

Please let me know if you need to be provided an electronic copy of this measure or if there are any other questions I can answer. My contact information is above.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Doug Qualls

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District works diligently to maintain high levels of emergency medical response and fire protection services for our community, while making fiscal responsibility a top priority. Since 1951, Apple Valley Fire Protection District remains a self-governed Special District directed by locally elected officials committed to providing Apple Valley residents with the best emergency services possible for our tax dollars.

This Measure will continue the existing special tax approved by voters in 1997 which served to finance adequate fire and paramedic services. However, since 1997, the demand for services in our community has more than doubled. The \$1.99/month increase in this measure will provide the appropriate fire and paramedic resources required to meet these increased demands.

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District has always been a local Fire District. Over 90% of the professional Fire District employees live in Apple Valley and are committed to being an active and productive part of our community. The Fire District works collaboratively with all of the other local agencies to provide services that are needed and expected for public safety in our community.

A "Yes" vote on Measure ____ will:

- Rehire Firefighter/Paramedics to fill vacant positions
- Reopen a closed fire station
- Improve paramedic and fire emergency response times
- Help maintain the current fire response rating for insurance rates
- Maintain local control of your tax dollars and emergency services

This measure has been endorsed and is supported by a wide variety of local groups and agencies, including:

- St. Joseph Health, St. Mary Hospital
- Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Apple Valley
- Apple Valley Unified School District
- Various Homeowners' Associations

Please join us in voting YES on Measure ___. Thank you for your support,

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