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SUBJECT **County Counsel Impartial Analysis – Apple Valley Fire Protection District
Special Tax Election To Be Held on June 3, 2014**

Measure "V" is submitted to the voters by the Board of Directors of the Apple Valley Fire Protection District ("District") to extend the life of the current fire suppression special tax (Measure "V") and to upwardly adjust the rate of the special tax.

On November 4, 1997, District voters approved Measure "V" (Ordinance No. 39), a fire suppression special tax on parcels of real property within the District to provide fire protection and emergency medical/rescue services. The existing tax has a life of 20 years and will expire on November 4, 2017.

Measure "V" would adopt Ordinance No. 53, which both (i) extends the life of the special tax to June 30, 2034 and (ii) upwardly adjusts the rate of the special tax by those amounts set forth in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 53. The proceeds of the special tax shall be used to improve local fire and paramedic response times, better protect homes and businesses within the District, reopen fire stations, keep insurance rates manageable, and maintain the District's fiscal well-being. The proceeds of the special tax shall be deposited into an account created for that purpose.

Measure "V" would authorize the Board of Directors of the District to adjust the rate of the special tax from year to year, provided the rate does not increase by more than two percent over the special tax levied in the previous fiscal year.

If two-thirds or more of the voters voting upon the measure within the District vote YES, the special tax, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized, and for the purposes stated, will be approved.

If less than two-thirds of the voters voting upon the measure within the District vote YES, the existing special tax will remain in place at its current rate until it expires on November 4, 2017.

This measure will not have any effect on existing law.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure "___". If you desire a copy of Measure "___" (Ordinance No. 53), please call the election official's office at (____) _____ and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

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