

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS (500 WORDS OR LESS)

On March 11, 1980, the Board of Directors of Running Springs Water District adopted Ordinance No. 9 authorizing the assessment and collection of an annual availability charge for fire suppression service on each improved lot or parcel of property within the District, except those owned by state or federal governmental agencies, other local agencies, or those determined by the District's engineer not to receive fire suppression benefit, in an amount not to exceed \$65 per unit of benefit as defined in the Uniform Building Code, subject to approval by two-thirds of the District's voters at an election to be conducted within the boundaries of the District as required by law for the assessment of a special tax on real property. At an election conducted within the boundaries of the District on November 4, 1980, more than two-thirds of the voters voting at the election approved the proposed annual availability charge for fire suppression service. Since the date of approval by the voters of the District in 1980, the annual availability charge for fire suppression service assessed on improved lots or parcels of real property within the District has not been adjusted to keep pace with inflation and increases in the cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical services. Measure __ proposes to increase the maximum amount of the annual availability charge to pay for the continued locally controlled fire suppression service and also emergency medical services to \$95 in the first fiscal year following the effective date, \$125 in the second fiscal year following the effective date, and \$158 in the third fiscal year following the effective date, per unit of benefit. Beginning in the fourth fiscal year following the approval by the voters and each fiscal year thereafter, requiring Board approval, the maximum amount of the availability charge may be adjusted for inflation in an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, reflected in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside) published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the 12-month period ending on December 31st of the immediately preceding calendar year, provided that such adjustment shall not exceed, in any fiscal year, three percent (3%) of the maximum annual availability charge authorized for the previous fiscal year. This measure was placed on the ballot by the District's Board of Directors.

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