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California Fire Tax on the Chopping Block?

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Feb. 10, 2020 / PRZen / SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. -- The group is spearheading an effort by county residents to place repeal of the special tax associated with Fire Protection Zone Five (FP-5) on the November 2020 ballot. The special tax was imposed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in response to a burgeoning shortfall in the **San Bernardino County Fire** Protection District's budget. Primarily targeted against residents of the county living in unincorporated areas, the tax was approved by a 3 – 2 vote of the Board of Supervisors rather than the two-thirds voter approval standard required by the state's constitution.

When & Where – The signatures will be delivered by representatives of The Red Brennan Group at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 11th to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters office located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Why – Affected residents contend the Board of Supervisors, acting under advisement from senior county bureaucrats, violated Article XIII C Section 2. (d) of the California's Constitution which states "No local government may impose, extend, or increase any special tax unless and until that tax is submitted to the electorate and approved by a two-thirds vote."

After being stymied by the courts, a grass-roots effort to collect signatures for an initiative petition to place repeal of the tax before the voters kicked off in August of 2019. According to San Bernardino County Counsel's office, 26,153 signatures would be required to qualify the petition for the November 2020 ballot. After exceeding this requirement by thirty percent, petition drive organizers, assisted by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, found that the actual signature requirement under California's Constitution is likely 7,800 valid signatures.

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City of Fontana will offer free training courses to help with emergency preparedness

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course will be offered in Fontana on March 13-15.

Natural disasters and emergencies don't plan ahead, but you can.

The City of Fontana, in coordination with the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department, is offering two free training courses: Until Help Arrives and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training.

----- UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

Life-threatening emergencies can happen quickly, but emergency responders aren't always nearby. Residents can learn simple and effective skills to use until responders arrive.

The course will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fontana Emergency Operations Center, 17005 Upland Avenue.

Through Until Help Arrives, participants will learn how to:

- Use simple and effective skills to save lives
- Communicate effectively with 9-1-1 operators
- Stop life-threatening bleeding
- Position the injured
- Act to protect the injured from further harm
- Provide emotional support

----- COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

CERT teaches participants how to safely care for their family, neighbors and self before, during, and after a disaster. Participants must attend all three dates to complete the course.

The CERT Basic Training Course is scheduled for Friday, March 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Participants will learn how to:

- Prepare for a disaster
- Use a fire extinguisher
- Administer first aid in a disaster
- Safely conduct light search and rescue
- Use the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Address psychological needs following a disaster

All training will be at the City of Fontana Emergency Operations Center, 17005 Upland Avenue.

For more information, contact Emergency Services Officer Aminah Mears at (909) 356-2526 or visit Fontana.org.

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