



Local Ballot Measure: D

Measure D

Coast Life Support District

Measure Question

2/3 (Two-Thirds) Needed to Pass

Shall Measure D (the Coast Life Support District Emergency Medical Services Tax) be adopted? Allows Coast Life Support District to increase the current special parcel tax rate on real property to \$ 101 per unit of benefit, for emergency medical services, including ambulance, life support and medical transport purposes and other necessary operating expenses, providing an estimated \$1,972,934 annually, until the tax is amended or repealed; authorizes annual increases for inflation; and raises the District's appropriations limit to permit spending of the tax revenue.

What Your Vote Means

YES	NO
A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of authorization of the special tax.	A "no" vote is a vote against authorization of the special tax.

For and Against Measure D

FOR	AGAINST
Andrea Lunsford Bronwyn Golly EMS Chief, CLSD Barbara Burkey Community Member Janis Dolphin Community Member Naomi Schwartz Member of CLSD BOD	No argument was submitted against Measure D



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Arguments and rebuttals are the opinions of the authors. They are printed exactly as submitted, including errors.

County Counsels' Impartial Analysis of Measure D	Argument in Favor of Measure D																				
This measure was placed on the ballot by the Coast Life Support District ("District") to seek voter approval to increase the current special tax on parcels of real property for emergency medical services, ambulance, life support, and transport purposes, and to raise the District's spending limit to allow use of the proceeds of the increased tax. If approved, the measure would authorize the District to increase its existing parcel tax to one hundred and one dollars (\$101) per unit of benefit. Units of benefit are assessed to parcels of land within the District based on the type of land use, except that the tax shall not be imposed upon a federal or state governmental agency or another local agency. Each use is assigned from zero (0) to twenty (20) units of benefit based on the following schedule: <table><tr><th>Actual Land Use</th><th>Units of Benefit</th></tr><tr><td>Undeveloped agricultural, timber, pasture, or waste land</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Vacant Buildable Lot, commercial or agricultural</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Single Family Dwelling</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Farm with residence or rural properties with multiple buildings</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Duplexes</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Other Multi-family Dwellings, including trailer parks</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Institutions, utilities, parks, schools, churches, hospitals, and rest homes</td><td>8</td></tr><tr><td>Service stations, stores, enterprises, commercial, industrial office buildings</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Hotels, motels, restaurants, golf courses, theaters</td><td>20</td></tr></table> The measure further provides that on July 1 of each year following adoption, the special tax rate shall be increased by an amount equal to the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, as published by the United States Department of Labor. The adjustment shall be calculated by comparing the CPI-U for May of the preceding year with the CPI-U for the same month of the current year, and shall be rounded to the nearest dollar, as determined by the person performing the duties of the District's chief fiscal officer. The revenues raised by this tax must be placed in a special account and can be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating, and maintaining emergency medical services, ambulance, life support, and transport equipment or apparatus and services, and for other necessary operating expenses of the District, consistent with Section 40 of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986 (Coast Life Support District Act). The measure also increases the District's appropriations limit by the amount of revenue raised through the increased special tax. The measure also requires that each year prior to the imposition of the special tax, the District's Board of Directors shall cause a report to be prepared showing each parcel, the owner(s) thereof, and the proposed levy thereon, the amount of funds collected and expended in the prior fiscal year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the tax. This measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Directors for the Coast Life Support District. This measure must be adopted by two thirds (2/3) of the voters. A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of authorization of the special tax. A "NO" vote is a vote against authorization of the special tax. The above statement is an impartial analysis of the Ordinance or Measure D. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (707) 234-6819 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. Dated: June 3, 2026 KATHARINE L. ELLIOTT Mendocino County Counsel JOSHUA A. MYERS Sonoma County Counsel By: /s/ Matthew Kiedrowski Deputy County Counsel By: /s/ Adam Brand Assistant County Counsel	Actual Land Use	Units of Benefit	Undeveloped agricultural, timber, pasture, or waste land	0	Vacant Buildable Lot, commercial or agricultural	1	Single Family Dwelling	3	Farm with residence or rural properties with multiple buildings	4	Duplexes	6	Other Multi-family Dwellings, including trailer parks	8	Institutions, utilities, parks, schools, churches, hospitals, and rest homes	8	Service stations, stores, enterprises, commercial, industrial office buildings	10	Hotels, motels, restaurants, golf courses, theaters	20	Coast Life Support District (CLSD) needs your YES vote on Measure D for CLSD to continue saving lives in these difficult times. CLSD is facing serious service and cost increases. CLSD has experienced a doubling of emergency calls, and an over 25 percent increase in costs per call without any increase in the parcel tax funding. It's simple, the income doesn't meet the expenses. Your Yes vote is needed for CLSD to continue its life saving mission. CLSD is an independent community driven local service created as a bi-county Special District. CLSD was created by the local community forty years ago to address the need for an ambulance. The nearest alternative ambulance would have to come from Guerneville or Fort Bragg if they were available. CLSD serves close to 500 square miles. The coastal district includes Irish Beach at the northern boundary, the Timber Cove/Seaview community at the southern boundary and continues inland to within view of Lake Sonoma. When you Vote Yes on Measure D, you keep the service going for all the residents in this geographically immense district. CLSD responds to over 1,000 calls per year. The service area has the longest ambulance ride in California. A hospital round trip is over 100 miles and regularly takes over 6 hours. To cover this large service area and provide care during the extensive drive times, CLSD operates 2 staffed ambulances, each staffed with a paramedic and an emergency medical technician. When the Garcia River floods closing Highway 1, CLSD also staffs an additional ambulance in Manchester to serve the northern district. Your Yes vote on Measure D keeps CLSD available when needed. Whether it is a sick child, fall, a heart attack, or a multivehicle accident, CLSD responds by saving lives. CLSD needs your Yes vote on Measure D. /s/ Andrea Lunsford /s/ Bronwyn Golly EMS Chief, CLSD /s/ Barbara Burkey Community Member /s/ Janis Dolphin Community Member /s/ Naomi Schwartz Member of CLSD BOD No Argument Was Submitted Against Measure D
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Full Text of Measure D

AN ORDINANCE OF COAST LIFE SUPPORT DISTRICT INCREASING THE CURRENT SPECIAL TAX FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AMBULANCE, LIFE SUPPORT, AND TRANSPORT PURPOSES AND RAISING THE DISTRICT'S SPENDING LIMIT TO ALLOW USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE INCREASED TAX, SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL

The Board of Directors of Coast Life Support District ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

A. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to authorize an increase in the current special tax on parcels of real property that are within the boundaries of Coast Life Support District ("District"), as specified by existing law and as may hereafter be amended, in order to augment funding for furnishing, operating and maintaining emergency medical services, ambulance, life support, and transport equipment or apparatus and services, and other necessary operating expenses of the District consistent with Section 40 of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986 (Coast Life Support District Act). All references to Coast Life Support District refer to all statutes involving Coast Life Support District, as they now exist and as they may hereafter be amended.

B. This is a special tax within the meaning of Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution, and is being enacted pursuant to the authority and procedures of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986, and Government Code section 50077.

C. This tax is based on the use or the right of use of each Assessor's parcel, and is based, to the extent practical, upon the costs of providing ambulance and life support and transportation services associated with each parcel, its use, and the improvements thereon.

D. Since this tax is not an ad valorem tax, the exemptions contained in or authorized by Article XIII of the California Constitution shall not apply.

E. The taxes imposed by this Ordinance shall be collected by the Counties of Mendocino and Sonoma ("Counties") on behalf of the District in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the Counties.

F. The revenues raised by this tax shall be placed in a separate account and are to be used solely for the purposes of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining emergency medical services, ambulance, life support and transport equipment or apparatus and services, and for other necessary operating expenses of the District, consistent with Section 40 of Chapter 375, Statutes of 1986 (Coast Life Support District Act).

SECTION II. SPECIAL TAX

A. The District's Board of Directors is authorized to levy a special tax within the boundaries of Coast Life Support District each year, for the purposes stated in Section I, on each parcel of land shown on the respective County Assessor parcel maps and carried on the County secured property tax rolls; provided, however, that such a special tax shall not be imposed upon a federal or state governmental agency or another local agency. The boundaries of Coast Life Support District are established by law, both as the law now exists and as it may hereafter be amended.

B. This special tax shall be imposed in accordance with the following schedule.

The following establishes the special tax rates for Coast Life Support District:

Actual Land Use

	Units of Benefit
Undeveloped agricultural, timber, pasture, or waste land	0
Vacant Buildable Lot, commercial or agricultural	1
Single Family Dwelling	3
Farm with residence or rural properties with multiple buildings	4
Duplexes	6
Other Multi-family Dwellings, including trailer parks	8
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SECTION III. SPECIAL TAX RATE & CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT

A. The special tax rate authorized by this Ordinance shall equal \$ 101 per Unit of Benefit per year.

B. Beginning July 1 of the first fiscal year following adoption, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the special tax rate in Section III(A) shall be increased by an amount equal to the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, as published by the United States Department of Labor. The adjustment shall be calculated by comparing the CPI-U for May of the preceding year with the CPI-U for the same month of the current year. The adjusted tax shall be rounded to the nearest dollar, as determined by the person performing the duties of the District's chief fiscal officer.

SECTION IV. REPORT AND HEARING

A. Each year prior to the imposition of said tax, the District's Board of Directors shall cause a report to be prepared showing each parcel, the owner(s) thereof, and the proposed levy thereon.

B. In accordance with Government Code section 50075.3, the report shall also contain information from the person performing the duties of the District's chief fiscal officer stating the amount of funds collected and expended in the prior fiscal year, and the status of any project required or authorized to be funded by the tax.

C. Upon the receipt of such report, the Board of Directors shall set a date for a hearing thereof and shall cause notice of such hearing to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the District, or, in lieu of posting, by mailing notice of hearing to each property owner at the address disclosed on the latest tax roll. The District may also cause notice of such hearing to be placed on the District's website.

D. At said hearing, the Board of Directors shall make such corrections to the taxes proposed to be levied as may be required to conform to the schedule as set forth above.

SECTION V. COLLECTION

The taxes imposed by this Ordinance shall be collected by the Counties of Mendocino and Sonoma ("Counties") on behalf of the District in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the Counties.

SECTION VI. APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Beginning with the fiscal year for 2027-2028, the appropriations limit for the District shall be increased by the amount of revenue anticipated to be collected by the District from this tax to allow spending of the tax for the maximum period permitted by law, through fiscal year 2030-2031. This increase may be extended beyond fiscal year 2030-2031 by voter approval pursuant to Article XIII B, section 4 of the California Constitution.



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SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

A. If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Directors of the District hereby declare that they would have adopted the Ordinance and each section thereof, despite the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrases or clauses be declared invalid.

B. The Special Tax Ordinance adopted on May 5, 2020, is hereby superseded by this Ordinance. The adoption of this Ordinance shall not in any manner affect any action or prosecution for violation of ordinances, which violations were committed prior to the effective date hereof, be construed as a waiver of any license, fee, or penalty required by or resulting from any such ordinance, or affect the validity of any bond (or cash deposit in lieu thereof) required to be posted, filed, or deposited pursuant to such ordinance.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on November 3, 2026, after certification of the vote, if the Ordinance is approved by two-thirds of the electors voting on the Ordinance at the election held that day.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of April, 2026 by the Board of Directors for Coast Life Support District by the following roll call vote:

Directors:	Damasco	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
	Bower	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
	Schwartz	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
	Tilles	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
	Tittle	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
	Vickers	☒ Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
		Ayes:	Noes:	Abstain:	Absent:	Recuse:
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/s/ Julie Bower
SECRETARY
Board of Directors
Coast Life Support District

/s/ Cobre Hernandez
ATTEST
Clerk of the Board