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CITY OF

MONTEREY PARK

SAMPLE BALLOT

and Voter Information Pamphlet

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998**

Translations are available in the following languages:
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**SPANISH
CHINESE
JAPANESE
VIETNAMESE**

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7 P.M.

**THE LOCATION OF YOUR
POLLING PLACE
IS SHOWN AT BOTTOM OF BACK COVER**

WARNING: Your polling place may have been changed from a previous election.

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INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote on any measure, punch out the circled cross ⊕ in the voting square after the word "YES" or after the word "NO".

All marks except the punch holes are forbidden. All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you wrongly punch, tear or deface the ballot card, return it to the precinct board member and obtain another.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998**

THIS BALLOT STUB SHALL BE REMOVED
AND RETAINED BY THE VOTER

Remove circled cross ⊕ completely

No. 1234

I HAVE VOTED - HAVE YOU?

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

H If Measure I is approved transferring fire services to the County, shall the City adopt an ordinance establishing a special tax, as necessary, but not to exceed \$110.00 per year per parcel (subject to Consumer Price Index increases), to make up the annual general fund deficit, projected to be approximately \$2.1 million dollars, which would result from the transfer of fire protection services to the County, assuming all current municipal service levels are maintained.	YES →	⊕
	NO →	⊕

I Shall a measure to transfer responsibility for providing fire protection, emergency medical services and hazardous materials protection services in the City from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department be adopted?	YES →	⊕
	NO →	⊕

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SAMPLE BALLOT

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE

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If you would like a copy of the translated ballot and sample ballot, at no cost to you, please telephone:
The Office of the City Clerk or call 1-800-481-8683.

SPANISH: Si usted quiere recibir una copia de la boleta y una boleta de muestra en español sin ningún costo para usted, sírvase telefonar:
A la Oficina del Secretario Municipal o
llame al 1-800-481-8683

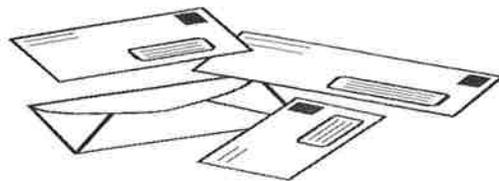
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與市書記員洽，或撥 1-800-481-8683

JAPANESE: もしも、日本語の投票用紙見本と、投票用紙が欲しい場合は、電話をかけてください。無料で調
達します。市の事務官か、 1-800-481-8683 に電話してください。

VIETNAMESE: Nếu quý vị muốn có một bản sao của lá phiếu và lá phiếu mẫu
bằng tiếng (diễn tên ngoại ngữ) hoàn toàn miễn phí, xin vui
lòng điện thoại: VĂN PHÒNG THỦ KÝ THÀNH PHỐ tại hoặc
gọi 1-800-481-8683

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VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages contain:

BALLOT MEASURES, ANALYSES, ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS

MEASURES: Some of the following pages may contain proposed measures, propositions or charter amendments. The portions to be deleted are printed in ~~strikeout type~~, and the portions to be added are underlined.

ANALYSIS: The Impartial Analysis is an impartial summary of the results of the proposed measure or proposition.

ARGUMENTS: Arguments and/or rebuttal arguments in support of or in opposition to the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any official agency.

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YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED

We are looking for volunteers to work as Precinct Board Officers and we are looking for places to use as Polling Places for this and upcoming elections. If you are interested in serving as a Precinct Officer or letting us use your residence for a polling place, please call the Office of the City Clerk.

INTERNET WEB SITE(S) FOR POLLING PLACE INQUIRY

City of Monterey Park <http://ci.monterey-park.ca.us>
Los Angeles County Registrars Office <http://rrcc.co.la.ca.us>

**MEASURE H
ORDINANCE NO.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A SPECIAL CITY WIDE PARCEL TAX TO BE USED FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Park currently provides fire protection, emergency medical services and the initial response to hazardous material incidents by its own fire department; and

WHEREAS, an initiative petition has been filed to place a measure ("Measure H") on the ballot to amend the Monterey Park Municipal Code to transfer responsibility for fire and emergency medical services, and response to hazardous material incidents to the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District ("Los Angeles County Fire Department"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey Park has estimated that an additional \$2.1 million from the City's General Fund will be necessary to pay to the Los Angeles County Fire Department to maintain the level of service being provided to the City of Monterey Park by the City of Monterey Park's current fire department operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to submit to the voters of the City an ordinance which would impose a special tax on parcels in the City to pay for the cost of fire protection services by the Los Angeles County Fire Department so as to maintain the current level of service; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall provide that the City Council will set the amount of the special tax annually, at an amount no greater than \$110.00 per parcel, with possible adjustments in future years to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall not become effective unless it is approved by two-thirds of the voters and Measure H is approved by a majority of the voters at the same special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. From and after the effectiveness of this ordinance, the City Council annually, and without further voter approval, commencing with fiscal year 1999/2000 shall set and levy against all parcels in the City of Monterey Park special tax in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) per parcel, subject to Section 2 below. The City Council may create classifications when setting and levying the special tax. The revenues from the special tax shall be used to pay for fire protection services provided to the City of Monterey Park by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

SECTION 2. Annually, and without further voter approval, commencing with fiscal year 2000/2001, the amount of the special tax set forth above may be adjusted by the City Council and exceed the One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) per parcel limit to reflect changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside area published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

SECTION 3. The Special tax set forth above, as adjusted from year to year, shall be set annually by the Monterey Park City Council following a public hearing.

SECTION 4. The tax shall be collected in the same manner and be subject to the same penalty as, or with, other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the City, or by the County on behalf of the City. In addition, the City Council is authorized to adopt such amendments to this ordinance and establish such procedures as are necessary or required by law to collect the taxes authorized herein.

SECTION 5. Revenues collected pursuant to this tax shall be deposited into a special fund entitled "Fire Protection Services Fund" and shall be used for the purpose for which the tax is imposed. The City's cost of enforcement and administration of the tax shall be paid from the special tax revenue.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective only upon Measure H being approved by the voters at the same special election and, only if two-thirds of the voters voting on this ordinance vote in its favor. This ordinance shall be considered as adopted upon the date that the vote is declared by the City Council, and shall go into effect 10 days after that date. Upon approval by the voters, the Mayor shall sign the ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest and certify to its passage and adoption.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR MEASURE H

Special Tax for Fire, Emergency Medical and Hazmat Services

The following is the impartial analysis prepared by the City Attorney's Office for Measure H submitted for the special election on Tuesday, December 8, 1998:

This measure is effective only if Measure I is adopted at this same election. Measure I, if adopted, amends the Monterey Park Municipal Code to transfer responsibility for fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services to the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District. The stated purpose of this measure is to "impose a special tax on parcels in the City to pay for the cost of fire protection services by the Los Angeles County Fire Department so as to maintain the current level of service." This measure requires a two-thirds approval by the voters voting in this election to be adopted.

This measure authorizes the City Council, on an annual basis, to set and levy a special tax at an amount as necessary to make up the projected deficit in the City's General Fund related to the conversion of fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services to the County. The special tax cannot exceed \$110.00 per parcel (subject to Consumer Price Index increases). The amount will be set every year following a public hearing, and the City Council may create classifications for the special tax.

The revenues collected will be deposited in a fund entitled "Fire Protection Service Fund" and must be used only to pay for fire services by the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District and for the cost of enforcement and administration of the tax.

Anthony Canzoneri
Monterey Park City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

SHOULD THE MONTEREY PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT GO TO L.A. COUNTY, MEASURE H would implement a FIRE TAX to allow the residents TO KEEP THE OTHER SERVICES they now have. The expensive transfer to the County would cost the City over \$2 MILLION MORE each year.

If you support "Measure I", we urge you to vote "Yes" on "Measure H" to pay for the substantial additional cost of the transfer.

- Measure I would tie the hands of the City Council by requiring a 10-year contract with L.A. County with limited options to withdraw. Under County regulations and controls, the City Council's ability to negotiate levels of service or cost would be minimal.
- An economic impact study has determined that the transfer of fire/ambulance services to the County will cost the City an additional \$2.1 million per year!
- If "Measure I" is passed, then the citizens of Monterey Park will either have to pay additional taxes to pay for the substantial increase in cost, or they will suffer from significant decreases in police, recreation, parks, library, and other public services.

THIS FIRE TAX WILL ONLY be necessary IF MEASURE I PASSES and the Monterey Park FIRE Department GOES to the COUNTY.

Stan Yonemoto, No to County Fire Committee, Chairman
Vince Ramirez, Retired Transportation Engineer
Irv Gilman, Economic Development Advisory Committee
Yukio Kawaratani, Library Board of Trustees
Lucia Y. Su, Former Recreation and Parks Commissioner

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

The only reason that Measure H was placed on the ballot was to scare and confuse the voters. It is meant to dissuade voters from voting "YES" on "Measure I" --the tax-cutting Fire and Emergency improvement plan that was placed on the ballot by over 4500 voters, and is supported by the Monterey Park Firefighters Association.

- A contract for services with L.A. County Fire Dept. is very flexible. County Fire Services make recommendations for service levels, all negotiations between the City and L.A. County Fire Dept. ultimately determines the level of Fire/Paramedic services to be provided to the city.
- The City's supposed "economic impact study" only reflects the information given by the City to some highly paid consultants. It does not reflect any accurate information regarding costs. In the last proposal developed by L.A. County Fire, it showed considerable savings to the city while providing a superior service.
- Cities that have recently contracted with the L.A. County Fire Dept. for Fire/Paramedic services include: Covina, El Monte, Pomona and Hawthorne. All of these cities have realized savings between \$1 million to \$2 million a year, while improving Fire/Paramedic services. (The city of El Monte reduced their retirement tax, City of Covina lowered their utility users Tax, this is all due to contracting with the L.A. County Fire Dept.)

"Measure I" will help to maintain the levels of other city services.

Vote "NO" on "Measure H" - No new taxes!

Vote "YES" on "Measure I"
Improve Fire/Paramedic protection and save \$\$\$

Andy Islas, Citizens for a Better Monterey Park
Frank Padilla, President Monterey Park Firefighters Association

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

Measure H was placed on the ballot to confuse you. The Measure H ballot contains statements which are not true. Measure H is designed to trick you.

Don't be confused. Improve fire and emergency services. Save tax dollars. Vote NO on Measure H!!!

Measure H Myth # 1

A \$2.1 million general fund deficit would be generated by merging the city fire department with the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District.

Fact: The city/county merger can only save significant tax dollars - - just like it has for 55 other cities.

Fact: AN OFFICIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUESTED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PROVES IT !!! The study shows that a merger:

- Will Not create an annual budget deficit. In fact, the city and taxpayers could realize over \$1 million savings annually - - money that could be used to put more police in our neighborhoods.
- Means property owners could SAVE at least \$859,000 annually in property taxes. Residents would no longer pick-up the tab for firefighter retirement benefits.

Measure H Myth #2

A tax increase is the only way to maintain current municipal fire service levels after the proposed merger.

Fact: According to the feasibility study, appropriate fire protection service would be provided from each of the existing fire stations in the city, and save the city and taxpayers over \$1 million

- More firefighters, more paramedics, more fire stations and more equipment would be available for first response to Monterey Park residents
- That means all residents would be closer to emergency service personnel, equipment and stations and faster response time !!!

Avoid confusion. Vote NO on Measure H !!

Louise Davis, City Treasurer

Frank Padilla, President Monterey Park Firefighters Association

Andy Islas, Citizens for a Better Monterey Park

Miguel Contreras, Executive Secretary Treasurer Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H

The supporters of Measure I falsely and misleadingly claim that transferring your fire department and ambulance service to the County would save Monterey Park over \$1 million annually. They provide no documented proof. An old 1989 County proposal said \$594,000 could be saved by cutting firefighter positions. The City Council rejected the County proposal because it did not include all transfer costs or proper staffing. The city study estimated a cost of \$457,000 more per year to go County.

The economic impact report on Measure I, prepared in August, 1998, states that transferring to the County will cost Monterey Park at least \$2.1 million more per year. In some other cities that went County, the Service Employees International Union Local 347 AFL-CIO states that the growing high cost of going County is causing budget deficits and may lead to layoffs.

Vote "NO" on Measure I to stop going to the County. If you insist on voting yes on Measure I, please vote for the fire taxes on Measure H to pay for it. Otherwise, the people of Monterey Park will suffer from resulting major budget cuts in police, recreation, parks, library and other public services.

Keep your local fire department and superior ambulance service. Monterey Park's ambulances are nearby and serve you in a fast 4.3 minutes. The County's slower private ambulances take 8 minutes. Which do you want to come in a life saving emergency? Mutual aid agreements for backup with neighboring cities and the County already exist without going County.

Stan Yonemoto, No to County Fire Committee, Chairman
Irv Gilman, Economic Development Advisory Committee
Yukio Kawaratani, Library Board of Trustees
Lucia Y. Su, Former Recreation and Parks Commissioner
Vince Ramirez, Former co-chair of committees against billboards and parole office

**MEASURE I
ORDINANCE NO.
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT**

SECTION 1. Title

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the City of Monterey Park Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Act.

SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations

The people of the City of Monterey Park hereby find and declare all of the following:

- (a) Fire fighting and emergency medical services are two of the most vital services that can be provided to the citizens of any community.
- (b) It is critical that fire engines respond quickly and that there be a sufficient level of personnel so that the citizens of Monterey Park are protected from the dangers of a major fire.
- (c) It is important that emergency medical services response time be as quick as possible and that the level of emergency medical services response be sufficient to address any emergency threatening the citizens of the City of Monterey Park.
- (d) It is essential that response to any hazardous materials emergency which threatens the public be immediate and effective.
- (e) The citizens of Monterey Park will be well served by the transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (hereinafter referred to as "Los Angeles County Fire Department").
- (f) The transfer of fire fighting and EMS services to the Los Angeles County Fire Department will result in an immediate tax cut for the citizens of Monterey Park since the City can reduce that portion of the property tax that currently pays for fire fighter pensions.
- (g) The transfer of fire fighting and EMS services to the Los Angeles County Fire- Department could result in savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars which could be used to help balance the-City budget. These savings will occur without any new taxes or any increase in current taxes paid by Monterey Park residents.

SECTION 3. Purpose and Intent

The people of the City of Monterey Park hereby declare their purpose and intent in enacting the measure to be as follows:

- (a) To provide enhanced fire fighting and EMS services to the citizens of the City of Monterey Park.
- (b) To provide equal or better fire response time and greater levels of fire response.
- (c) To provide equal or better EMS services with greater response levels.
- (d) To provide immediate and effective response to hazardous materials emergencies.
- (e) To transfer responsibility for providing fire fighting and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
- (f) To enhance the efficiency of fire fighting and EMS services and lower the cost to the citizens of the City of Monterey Park as a result of more efficient use of resources.
- (g) To reduce taxes paid by the citizens of Monterey Park since that portion of the property tax that currently pays for fire fighter pensions can be eliminated.
- (h) To allow the City of Monterey Park the opportunity to use the savings realized to help balance the City budget without any new taxes or any increase in current taxes paid by Monterey Park residents.

SECTION 4.

Section 2.36.080 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code is repealed:

~~2.36.080 Rates of Pay. Rates of pay shall be determined as follows:~~

- ~~(1) For fire department positions normally on twenty-four hour shifts:~~
 - ~~(a) Biweekly rate is 12/26 of the monthly rate;~~
 - ~~(b) Twenty-four-hour shift rate is the annual rate divided by the required number of shifts per year;~~
 - ~~(c) Hourly rate is the twenty-four-hour shift rate divided by twenty-four.~~
- ~~(2) For all other positions:~~
 - ~~(a) Biweekly rate is 12/26 of the monthly rate;~~
 - ~~(b) Hourly rate is 12/2080 of the monthly rate. (Ord. 1456 § 1, 1978; Ord. 1366 § 1, 1974; prior code § 2405).~~

SECTION 5.

Chapter 2.40 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code is amended to read:

2.40.10 Policemen, firemen - Appointment. All policemen, patrolmen, motorcycle officers, firemen and deputies of said departments receiving compensation for their services, and all investigators and special officers ~~or special firemen~~, employed without compensation, shall be appointed by the city manager, provided that in case of emergency all such deputies may be designated and appointed by the respective officers for whom such deputies act, and such deputies shall hold office subject to the pleasure of such officer and the city manager.

2.40.20 Seizing Badges-Insignia. The chiefs of the police ~~and fire department~~ shall cancel and revoke all permits for special badges or insignia, except members of said departments now receiving compensation, and they shall call for, take, seize and sequester any and all badges, shields, stars or insignia, ~~of their respective departments~~, in possession of any person not lawfully entitled thereto.

2.40.030 Reimbursement. Wherever the special badges and insignia have been purchased and paid for by persons having the same, it is hereby provided that the possessors thereof shall, upon surrender of said badge, be reimbursed in an amount equal to the cost which the city would be required to pay, if it were to purchase such badge from the manufacturer and thereafter when such badges are reissued as herein provided, the appointee shall be required to guarantee the return of said shield or badge, by a deposit of money equal to the purchase price thereof, which deposit shall be made to the city clerk.

2.40.35 Fire fighting, EMS services, and hazardous materials.

(a) Responsibility for providing fire protection, EMS services, and protection from hazardous materials in the City of Monterey Park is hereby transferred from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) The Monterey Park City Council shall take all necessary steps to carry out the provisions of subsection A. All actions taken by the Monterey Park City Council shall be in the manner authorized by California Government Code §55632 and provided for by California Government Code §56848.3.

(c) Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Act, the Monterey Park City Council shall request the Los Angeles County Fire Department to prepare a study and proposal for providing fire protection, hazardous materials, and emergency medical services to the City of Monterey Park. The study shall include the level of services to be provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department as well as the cost of providing such services.

(d) The transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department shall take place on the effective date of annexation as determined by the Board of Supervisors in coordination with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the City of Monterey Park.

(e) At the conclusion of a twelve month period following the transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the Monterey Park City Council shall undertake a review with respect to the performance of fire fighting and EMS services. In addition, the review shall examine any cost savings to the City of Monterey Park which have occurred.

(f) Any savings realized as a result of the transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire

Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department which occur shall be used to help balance the City budget.

2.40.040 Participation in California State Employees' Retirement System. The city shall participate in the California State Employees' Retirement System as now amended or as it may hereafter be amended and it shall be the duty of the city council to enter into a contract on behalf of the city with the Board of Administration of the California State Employees' Retirement System, providing for retirement, death and disability and other benefits for persons in the employ of the fire and police departments of the city, and providing for the retirement at the lowest optional age for employees and with full (one hundred percent) credit for prior service to the full extent authorized by the California State Employees' Retirement Act.

2.40.050 Termination of Retirement System. Said contract shall be subject to termination as provided in the California State Employees' Retirement Act.

2.40.060 Collection of costs for participation in Retirement System. The council of the city shall levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay all costs and expenses to be paid by the city to enable the city to participate in and make its employees of the fire and police departments members of the California State Employees' Retirement System.

2.40.070 Fire Fighter Contract Notwithstanding any other provision of the Municipal Code, in the event that fire fighting and EMS services are transferred from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, any contract entered into between the City and the Los Angeles County Fire Department shall include all necessary or appropriate provisions relating to salary and fringe benefits, medical benefits, and retirement benefits for fire fighters.

SECTION 6. Reduction of Property Tax

Upon the transfer of fire fighter and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the City shall reduce the City property tax by that amount of the property tax that was apportioned for payment of fire fighter pensions. The City shall not collect that portion of the property tax apportioned for fire fighter pensions after the date of the transfer of fire fighter and EMS services from the Monterey Park Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

SECTION 7. Severability

If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this initiative which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this initiative are severable.

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS FOR MEASURE I

Transfer of Fire, Emergency Medical, and Hazmat Services

The following is the impartial analysis prepared by the City Attorney's Office for Measure I submitted for the special election on Tuesday, December 8, 1998:

The City of Monterey Park Fire Department currently provides fire protection, emergency medical services and the initial response to hazardous material incidents ("fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services"). If approved by a majority of the voters, this measure amends the Monterey Park Municipal Code to transfer responsibility for fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services to the Los Angeles County Fire Protection District ("County Fire Department"), subject to the provisions of the measure and state law. The measure requires the City Council to take the necessary actions to transfer the fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services, including entering into a contract with the County. State law provides that the minimum initial term for a contract with the County Fire Department is 10 years.

Under the measure, the City Council must request the County Fire Department to prepare a study and proposal for providing the fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services, including the level of service to be provided and the cost to the City for such services. The measure does not, however, expressly provide for the City's right to reject or renegotiate the County proposal relating to level of service, cost of services, or the transfer or use of existing City facilities or equipment. The transfer of services from the City to the County occurs on the effective date of annexation into the County Fire Department as determined by the County Board of Supervisors.

The measure provides that any contract entered into between the City and County must include firefighter's salaries, fringe benefits, medical benefits and retirement benefits. City employees providing fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services currently receive retirement benefits, funded from a portion of a separate City property tax collected solely to fund City employee retirement. If this measure is adopted, the City property tax will be reduced by the portion of the tax used for funding the City firefighter's retirement benefits, subject to any offsetting increase which may be necessary to fund the remaining City employees' retirement.

After the County has provided one full year of fire, emergency medical, and hazmat services, the City Council must conduct a review of the County's performance of the services and determine any cost savings to the City. Any cost savings realized by the City must be used to help balance the Monterey Park budget. The measure is silent, however, regarding the City's options if the performance review indicates unsatisfactory service, or if there are additional costs for the County fire services.

Anthony Canzoneri
Monterey Park City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

If passed, MEASURE I would dramatically improve fire and life safety services in Monterey Park.

Approximately 4,500 voters signed petitions to place MEASURE I on the Ballot. It would require the city council to negotiate a contract for merger of the Monterey Park Fire Department with the regional fire protection and paramedic rescue system administered by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

This modern approach to regional fire and life safety services eliminates wasteful duplication of services. It decreases the cost of public safety.

The following are just a few of the reasons that 100% of Monterey Park's firefighters and paramedics support MEASURE I.

IMPROVED SERVICES

- A YES VOTE ON MEASURE I would eliminate the political boundaries that now reduce service and increase costs. It would allow for immediate response from 76 firefighters and paramedics who are now based within five miles of Monterey Park, in addition to those serving within the city.
- Immediate access to the following services that Monterey Park cannot provide:
 - Hazardous materials teams for chemical spills and leaks;
 - Urban search and rescue teams;
 - Helicopters for firefighting and rescues;
 - Emergency Medical Dispatchers for 9-1-1 calls;
 - Life-saving defibrillator on every fire truck.

TAX SAVINGS

- A YES VOTE ON MEASURE I will save taxpayers over \$858,000 annually by eliminating taxes that are currently collected for pension costs.

COST SAVINGS

- Sales tax receipts continue to fall and revenue from the California DMV is sure to be cut. City budget deficits are expected to get worse. Monterey Park cannot afford to continue spending too much for too little fire protection
- A YES VOTE ON MEASURE I will maintain local control through a contract that the City supervises, and all savings from the merger will go straight to Monterey Park's general fund.

Vote YES on Measure I

Louise Davis, City Treasurer

Frank Padilla, President Monterey Park Firefighters Association

Andy Islas, Citizens for a Better Monterey Park

James O. Page, Fire Chief (Retired) Monterey Park Fire Dept.

Miguel Contreras, Executive Secretary Treasurer Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE I

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE I. Stop the transfer of your fire department and ambulance services to L.A. County which will be financially costly to Monterey Park. **VOTE "NO"** To protect your life, avoid fire taxes and costly cuts in other public services.

The Fire Union's contradictory arguments for Measure I are that it would dramatically improve fire and safety services, eliminate duplication of services, and decrease the cost of public safety in Monterey Park.

NO! The huge inefficient County could not dramatically improve fire and life safety in Monterey Park. Nearly 70% of fire department calls are for emergency medical and 5% for fire related services. The City's excellent paramedic/ambulance service takes 4.3 minutes to respond. The County's private ambulances average up to 8 minutes! In an emergency, don't trust the County with your life.

NO! Elimination of duplication means they can decide to close any of our stations and also make our stations serve large areas outside the City. Monterey Park's fire stations and ambulances now serve our residents first and only. Mutual aid agreements for backup already exist.

NO! County decreases in cost of public safety are not true. The Fire Union has no official documents to back up their Monterey Park numbers.

THE 1998 ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY reports at least \$2.1 million more per year to go County. The high cost will require fire taxes or substantial reductions in police, parks, recreation, library and other services.

REMEMBER: THE FIRE UNION WANTS MONEY AND L.A. COUNTY WANTS CONTROL. BOTH NOT IN MONTEREY PARK'S INTERESTS.

Francisco Alonso, Mayor of Monterey Park
Judy Chu, Mayor Pro Tem
Marie T. Purvis, Council Member
Rita Valenzuela, Council Member
Stan Yonemoto, No to County Fire Committee, Chairman

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I

A "NO" vote on "Measure I" will prevent losing control of YOUR fire/ambulance services to Los Angeles County. Their fire department is controlled by the Board of Supervisors who represent over 9 million people. Do you want them to decide what is best for Monterey Park? Home rule and local decision making will be lost. Transferring fire/ambulance services to L.A. County will be expensive -- costing the City an additional \$2 million per year.

The reasons to vote "NO" on "Measure I" are:

- Monterey Park's efficient joint paramedic/ambulance services would be replaced by costly, less timely private ambulance companies. With you or your family's life at stake, can you afford to wait twice as long for L.A. County's private ambulance service?
- An economic study has shown that transfer of fire, paramedic and ambulance services to L.A. County would cost the City over \$2 million more per year.
- The City would need to assess a special fire tax for the substantial increase in costs or give you less police protection and significantly cut recreation, parks, library and other public services.
- L.A. County requires a 10-year contract, which typically allows for annual increases up to 6.51. (This could almost double our costs within ten years).

MEASURE I is promoted by Fire Union members to put more money in their pockets. (L.A. County pays firefighters nearly 30 percent more than cities).

Voters in Montebello, Alhambra and West Covina recently said "NO", loud and clear, to similar efforts, after their Fire Unions spent nearly \$100,000 each in slick mailers. Now they are targeting Monterey Park. Don't be fooled.

L.A. County is constantly in a financial crisis. Can we afford to trust our lives to them?

VOTE "NO" ON "MEASURE I" - SAVE YOUR LOCAL FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE AND VOTE "NO" TO FIRE TAXES!

Francisco Alonso, Mayor of Monterey Park
Judy Chu, Mayor Pro Tem
Rita Valenzuela, Council Member
Marie T. Purvis, Council Member
Stan Yonemoto, No to County Fire Committee, Chairman

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE I

The ballot argument against Measure I was devised by politicians. The same egotistical politicians who do not understand the operations and responsibilities of Fire Protection/Paramedic service.

These politicians are more concerned with home rule and local control rather than providing the highest level of fire protection/paramedic service and saving city and taxpayer money. Their nonfactual statements are designed to deceive and confuse taxpayers.

Facts:

- L.A. County's Paramedic Squad and Fire Engine Response times are identical to Monterey Parks, acknowledged by the City Council on September 2, 1998. Monterey Park charges for all paramedic services, Los-Angeles County Fire DOES NOT. You only pay for transport to the hospital by the private ambulance that accompanies all emergency calls.
- TAXPAYERS WOULD SAVE AT LEAST \$1.1 MILLION PER YEAR as shown by the only OFFICIAL feasibility study done on this issue.
- NO NEED FOR A SPECIAL TAX! THE MERGER SAVES MONEY! For these politicians to say the City would have to cut police protection and other services is an UNCONSCIONABLE SCARE TACTIC!
- 10-YEAR CONTRACTS ARE NOT REQUIRED! All contracts are negotiable between the City and L.A. County Fire Dept. Cities continue to renew their contracts with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Evidence shows that these cities have improved Fire/Paramedic services and save millions of dollars each year.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO TRUST YOUR LIFE IN THE HANDS OF
POLITICIANS! YOU CAN IN THE HANDS OF FIREFIGHTERS!

"YES" on "Measure I" - IMPROVES FIRE AND PARAMEDIC SERVICE

"No" on "Measure H" - No new taxes!

Andy Islas, Citizens for a Better Monterey Park
Frank Padilla, President Monterey Park Firefighters Association

Mark Your calendar . . .

. . . don't forget!

December 1998						
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VOTE - DECEMBER 8, 1998

WARNING ! ! ! Your POLLING PLACE for this CITY ELECTION may be different from the polling place you went to for the last County Election. Please check the back page of this pamphlet for the correct location.

DAVID M BARRON, CITY CLERK
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APPLICATION TO "VOTE BY MAIL"

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 8, 1998

To obtain a vote by mail ballot, complete the information on this form. This application may be faxed to the elections official.
 This application **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the elections official by: **December 1, 1998**

Print Name		Date of Birth (optional)
First	Middle	Last
Residence Address in the City (PO Box, Rural Route not acceptable)		
City and Zip		Phone #
<p>THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PROPER SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT</p> <p>I have not applied for a vote by mail ballot for this election by any other means. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the name and residence address on this application are true and correct.</p>		
<p>X _____</p> <p>SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT</p>		<p>_____</p> <p>DATE</p>
<p>WARNING: Perjury is punishable by imprisonment in state prison for two, three or four years. (Section 126 of the California Penal Code.)</p>		

PRINT MAILING ADDRESS FOR BALLOT (if different from your residence address)
 Note: Organizations distributing this form may **NOT** preprint the mailing address information.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Precinct No. _____ Ballot Group No. _____

Ballot No. _____

Date Issued _____

Date Returned _____

Signature Matches _____

Voters with specified disabilities may qualify as PERMANENT ABSENT VOTERS. Contact your local county elections official for further information.

BALLOT TYPE

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 Polling Place Address ↓

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DELIVER TO:

RESOLUTION NO. 10352

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 1998, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, a Special Election was held and conducted in the City of Monterey Park, California, on Tuesday, December 8, 1998, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that voting precincts were properly established; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast, received and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in general law cities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 10310 adopted September 2, 1998, the City Clerk canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to this City Council, the results are received, attached and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A."

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the whole number of 13,767 votes cast in the precincts except absent voter votes and provisional votes was 7,664.

That the whole number of absent voter ballots cast in the City was 2,949. The whole number of provisional ballots cast in the City was 131, making a total of 6,963 ballots cast in the City.

SECTION 2. That the measures voted upon at the election are as follows:

MEASURE H:

Shall a Measure to transfer responsibility for providing fire protection, emergency medical services and hazardous materials protection services in the city from the Monterey Park City Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department be adopted?

MEASURE I:

Shall the city adopt an ordinance requiring certain findings be made relating to cost and service and requiring voter approval prior to the transfer of all or substantially all of the police and/or fire protection services from the city of Monterey Park to another public agency?

SECTION 3. That the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City and for and against the measures were as listed in Exhibit "A" attached.

SECTION 4. The City Council does declare and determine that: That as a result of the election, a majority of the voters voting on the measures H and I relating to Fire Protection Services did not vote in favor of it, and that the measures failed to pass.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of the City, a statement of the result of the election, showing: (1) The whole number of 13,767 votes cast in the City; (2) The measures voted upon; (3) The number of votes given at each precinct for and against the measures; (4) The total number of votes given for and each measure.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON DEC. 15, 19 98

Francisco Alonso
Mayor

ATTEST:

David M. Barron

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)SS
CITY OF MONTEREY PARK)

I, DAVID M. BARRON, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 10352 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a Regular Meeting held on the 15th day of December, 1998, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	PURVIS, BALDERRAMA, VALENZUELA, CHU, ALONSO
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE

David M. Barron
David M. Barron
City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park

EXHIBIT "A"

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS

I, David M. Barron, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, authorized by Resolution No. 10310, adopted by the City Council on September 2, 1998, do certify that I have canvassed the returns of the Special Election held on December 8, 1998, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for, and for and against the measures were as follows:

	MEASURE H		MEASURE I		TOTAL VOTES CAST
	YES	NO	YES	NO	
1	12	213	72	155	452
6	10	227	81	156	474
10	7	138	46	98	289
14	10	196	69	139	414
16	2	108	33	78	221
17	11	283	58	238	590
22	10	253	63	199	525
24	9	220	65	164	458
26	13	182	73	126	394
30	17	226	72	171	486
32	8	229	75	160	472
35	8	93	32	73	206
38	18	260	60	224	562
42	14	236	36	216	502
43	12	344	69	291	716
46	14	213	73	158	458
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90	8	107	61	57	233
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TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS - 24,574

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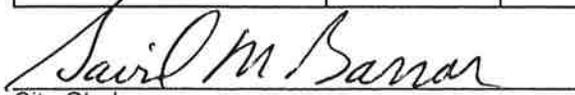

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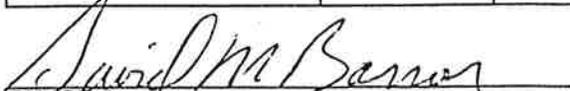
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