

## **Impartial Analysis of Measure DD**

Measure DD asks voters to make the choice of repealing the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District's Commercial Cannabis Business Tax, or to keep the tax in place.

Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District's Commercial Cannabis Business Tax was approved by the Fire District voters in the June 5, 2018, Statewide Election by a super majority vote. On March 1, 2024, the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District received a Notice of Intent to Circulate Initiative Petition, "Save Monterey County Jobs." On June 21, 2024, the Monterey County Elections Department provided a Certificate of Signature Verification for the Initiative Petition "Save Monterey County Jobs," indicating that enough signatures were collected to require the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District to take action on the initiative.

The Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District submits the following question to the electorate:

Shall Measure H, the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District commercial cannabis tax imposed by the voters of the Fire District in 2018 to fund the impacts of the cannabis industry on fire prevention services and to respond to fires, hazardous materials incidents and other emergencies, be repealed?

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure DD which discusses Measure H from the 2018 election. If you desire a copy of Measure DD or of Measure H from the 2018 election, please call the elections official's office at (831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274 (toll free) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Monterey County Elections office website address at: countyofmonterey.gov/elections.

A "Yes" vote on this measure is a vote in favor of repealing the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District commercial cannabis tax.

A "No" vote on this measure is a vote against repealing the Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District commercial cannabis tax.

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/s/ Susan Blitch County Counsel, County of Monterey