IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE H ANTELOPE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

California Government Code section 53978 authorizes any local agency providing fire protection services to propose, by ordinance, a special tax for fire protection services provided by the local agency. Pursuant to this authority, the governing body of the Antelope Valley Protection District proposes, through "Measure H," to impose a special tax on real property located within the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District. The tax will take effect only if it is approved by two-thirds of the District voters voting on the matter.

Measure H would impose a flat parcel tax of \$120.00 on each taxable parcel located within the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District. According to materials provided by the District, moneys collected through the tax will be used to fund static water supplies, staffing, training and equipment for use by the Fire District in combating wildland and structural fires.

The special tax would be levied once during the 2023-24 fiscal year at the flat rate, and then levied once during each fiscal year thereafter with percentage adjustments (either increasing or decreasing the amount of the tax) based on the percentage change (if any) during the preceding 12-month period in the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor, but not to exceed \$160.00 per year.

A "Yes" vote on Measure H approves the proposed special tax on all taxable parcels within the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District for fire protection services.

A "No" vote on Measure H disapproves the proposed special tax on all taxable parcels within the Antelope Valley Fire Protection District for fire protection services.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H. If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at (760) 932-5537 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the county website at www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections.