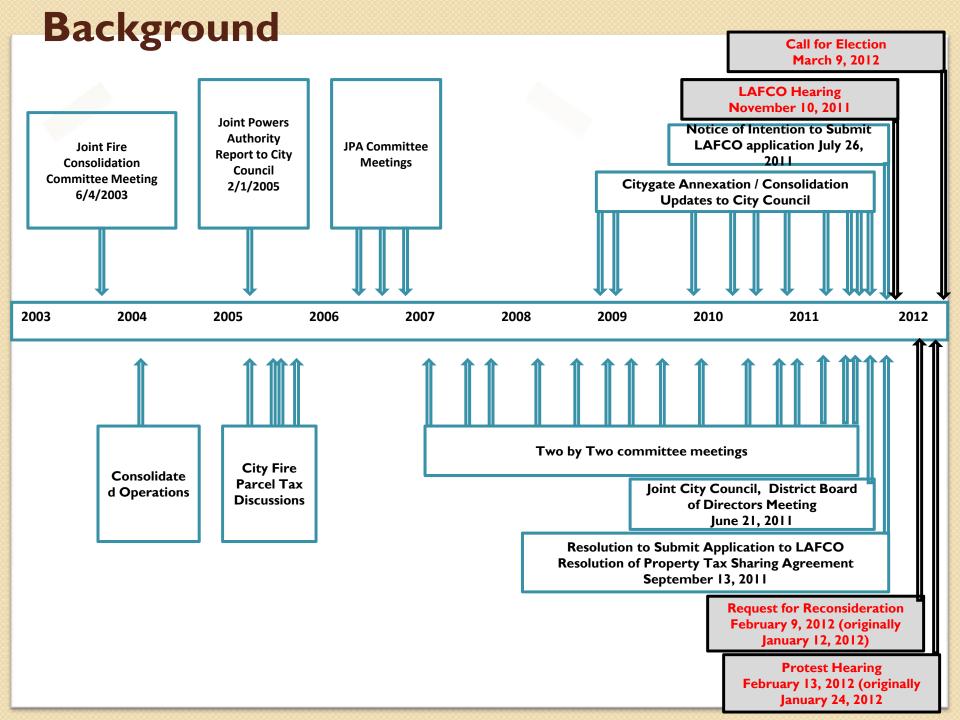
Call for a Special Election on June 5, 2012 on the Annexation of the City of Sausalito into the Southern Marin Fire Protection District for the provision of Fire Protection Services.

March 9, 2012



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## **Fire Annexation Process**

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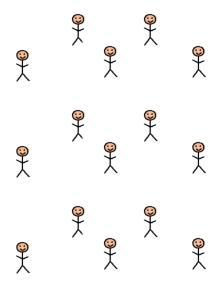


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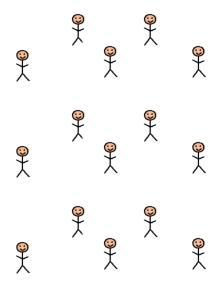


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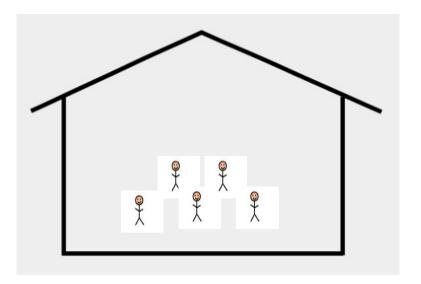


## Pension Reform

- SMFPD is ahead of where most every other agency in the state is struggling to achieve
  - Two-Tier system
  - Employees participate in paying cost of pension contribution
- Moves Sausalito Firefighters from a Single-Tier System (CalPERS) to a Multi-Tier System (MCERA)
- Other Pension Reforms
  - Reduces SMFPD Overall Contribution Rate
  - Increases # of employees in MCERA to amortize unfunded liabilities
  - Firefighters pick up 50% of member contributions
  - Opportunity to Payout CalPERS Unfunded Liabilities & Side Funds currently @ 7.75%

# Safety Matters

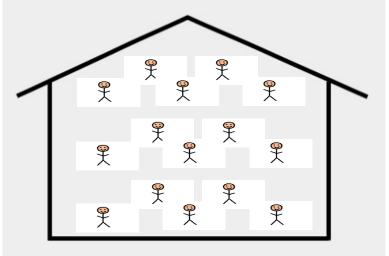
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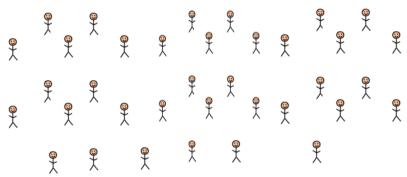






#### District Firefighters



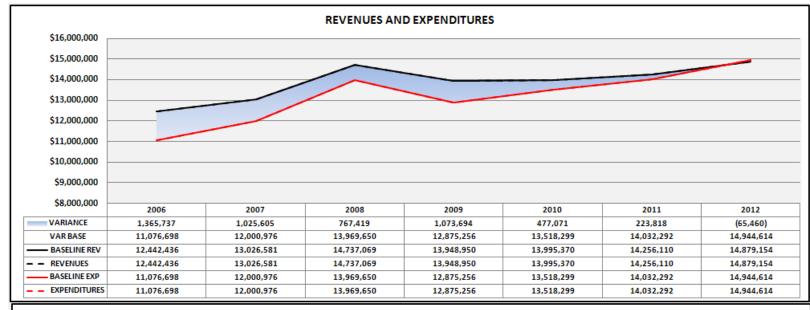


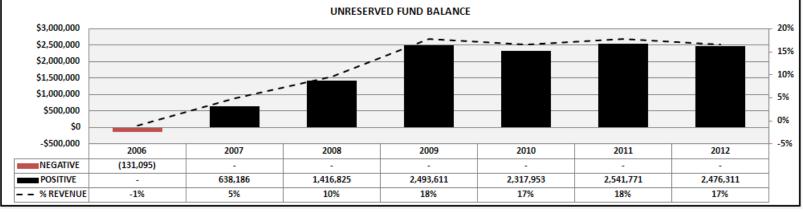
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Position	Sausalito	So Marin	Total
Headquarters			
Fire Chief		1	1
Deputy Chief		1	1
Admin Services Mgr		1	1
Financial Mgr		0.4	0.4
Admin Clerk		0.3	0.3
Total Headquarters	0	3.7	3.7
Line Operations			
Battalion Chief		3	3
Captain	3	6	9
Paramedic/Firefighter	6	9	15
Firefighter/Engineer	6	15	21
Total Operations	15	33	48
Total All	15	36.7	51.7

### **General Fund Trends**

(from FY 2012 Mid-Year Budget Review)





# Reasons for Recommendation to Call for a Special Election on June 5, 2012

- 7 years of public information remains fresh
- Removes 2012-13 budget uncertainty
  - Must adopt balanced budget by June 30, 2012
- Waiting compounds budget impact
  - Each month of delay reduces the budget savings from annexation
- August election
  - Costs more (\$39-\$49K)
  - People on vacation during August,
  - mail-in only option (no place to physically cast vote)
- Importance of Annexation is diminished in November's General Election
- Need to attend to other urgent City priorities



- March 8, 2012 LAFCO acted to:
  - Adopt findings regarding the number of written protests it received.
  - Adopt a resolution forwarding the annexation for confirmation by the voters.
  - Inform the City Council and the City's elections official that they must conduct an election and request the City Council "to direct the elections official to conduct the necessary election."
  - Approve the Impartial Analysis.

### CALL FOR THE ELECTION

### City Council has to:

- Direct the elections official to conduct the necessary election.
- Call, provide for, and give notice of a special election or elections upon that question.
- Fix a date of election.
- Request consolidation with the State Primary Election.
- Request services from the Marin County Registrar of Voters with Respect to the Election

Gov. Code, § 57000(e)(1)

### **ELECTION**

- Election takes place within the City
- Registered voters determine the matter
- Voters residing outside the City but within boundaries of SMFPD are not entitled to vote
- Each ballot is entitled to one vote

# ELECTION (con)

- Election must be held on the next established election date that occurs at least 88 days after which the Council calls the election
  - June 5, 2012
  - August 28, 2012 (mail ballot)
  - November 6, 2012

### **BALLOT LANGUAGE**

 "Shall the order adopted on November 10, 2011 and reaffirmed on February 8, 2012 by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, ordering the annexation of the territory of the City of Sausalito to the Southern Marin Fire Protection District be confirmed subject to the terms and conditions specified in the order?"

### **BALLOT ARGUMENTS**

- Marin County Registrar of Voters Deadlines for Measures to be Placed on the Ballot
   June 5, 2012:
  - March 9<sup>th</sup> submittal of Resolutions of Consolidation and ballot wording
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> submittal of ballot arguments (for and against)
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> submittal of rebuttal arguments (if authorized by City Council)

### **CITY ARGUMENT**

• The City Council, or any members of the City Council it authorizes, may file a written argument in favor of (or against) the proposed annexation. The argument must not exceed 300 words in length.

## REBUTTALS

Council action required to authorize rebuttals

Cannot exceed 250 words

### RECOMMENDATION

 Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sausalito Calling and Giving Notice of a Special Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, Requesting Consolidation of that Election with the State Primary Election, and Requesting Services from the Marin County Registrar of Voters with Respect to that Election