## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION'S (LAFCO) IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE D

Impartial Analysis of the Proposed Annexation of the Territory of the City of Sausalito to the Southern Marin Fire Protection District

This is a ballot measure to determine if the voters in the City of Sausalito (City) wish to confirm or reject the annexation of Sausalito to the Southern Marin Fire Protection District (SMFPD or the District). The annexation has been requested by the City Council of the City of Sausalito and approved by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

The boundaries of the area to be annexed are the same as the boundaries of the City of Sausalito. Southern Marin Fire Protection District currently provides fire protection and related services to the unincorporated areas of Tamalpais Valley, Almonte, Homestead Valley, Alto, Strawberry and West Tiburon and a portion of the Town of Tiburon west of Trestle Glen Boulevard. If Sausalito is annexed to SMFPD, the District's service area would be extended to overlay the territory of the City just as the service areas of Marin Municipal Water District or Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District already overlay the City.

If annexation is approved, SMFPD would assume responsibility for the City's Fire Department. Residents of the City would become eligible to vote in SMFPD elections and run for office on the SMFPD governing board.

The services to be extended to the City of Sausalito by SMFPD following annexation are the same services now provided jointly by both agencies on a contractual basis. Those services are: fire suppression, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response, urban search and rescue (including water and dive team rescue), public education and fire prevention. The purpose of the proposed annexation is to benefit both the City and SMFPD by making permanent cost efficiencies and service improvements developed under the current contractual relationship.

The transfer of fire service from the City to SMFPD would be financed through the transfer of a portion of the City's property tax revenue to the District, including \$2,667,250 for Fiscal Year 2012-13 and 45% of total property tax revenue in subsequent years. The cost of service under the proposed annexation has been estimated to be approximately \$1.4 million less than the alternative of reestablishment of an independent Sausalito Fire Department, based on analysis performed jointly by the City and the District and reviewed by LAFCO.

No new or increased taxes or assessments are proposed as part of this measure. Any new or increased assessments or taxes proposed in the future would be subject to ballot proceedings under Proposition 218 (Article XIII C and D of the California Constitution).

The City will maintain ownership of the newly constructed Sausalito fire station, leasing most of its space to SMFPD for \$100,000 per year. The City will retain the use of office space in the fire station not included in the lease. Ownership of the City's fire trucks and other apparatus will be transferred to SMFPD. No further acquisitions, repairs or upgrades of equipment or facilities are associated with the annexation.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Proposition D. If you desire a copy of the proposition, please call the elections official's office at (415) 473-6456 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

(Approved by Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, March 8, 2012. This impartial analysis contains 475 words, exclusive of general description of the boundaries of the territory affected, per GCS 57144)

s/PETER BANNING Executive Officer