

Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition

Notice is hereby given by the persons whose names appear hereon of their intention to circulate the petition within the City of Brentwood for the purpose of requiring the city of Brentwood to spend a portion of the future growth of the city's property and sales tax revenues on additional fire protection services, rescue services, emergency medical services, hazardous material emergency response services, ambulance services, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property.

A statement of the reasons of the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

“The structural under-funding of the government agency responsible for emergency medical response and fire services, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD), is a documented fact and has gone on for far too long. Attempts to correct the problem by getting government agencies to voluntarily participate have failed, as have attempts to get our state-level elected representatives to fix the problem.

“As a result of government's current property tax allocation methodology:

- ECCFPD is unable to respond to emergency calls for significant periods of time each month;
- ECCFPD is unable to fight any structure fire, like a house fire, without the help of at least two fire engines and six firefighters coming from neighboring fire districts;
- ECCFPD provides urban response times that exceed industry standards as well as the goals set down in the Brentwood General Plan by almost 300%;
- ECCFPD has closed five of eight fire stations it formerly operated.

“Because of this the lives and property of residents of the City of Brentwood are at increased risk.

“ECCFPD is funded at the lowest rate in the county, according to government studies. The current funding methodology was established by the state legislature four decades ago, prior to the area's 1,500% population growth. No provision was made to adjust the district's funding rate in response to this dramatic increase in area population, and attempts to lobby the state legislature to correct this situation have failed. Attempts to lobby local government agencies to voluntarily correct this under-funding have failed as well.

“This public safety emergency situation has been documented by Contra Costa County Grand Jury Reports, county Local Agency Formation Commission Municipal Services Review reports, a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of City Managers, multiple Fire Chiefs, firefighter union representatives, and representatives of members of the county Board of Supervisors, and fire services industry consultants. ECCFPD publicly admits it is unable to provide adequate services to the communities it serves due to lack of funding.

“The Brentwood Emergency Response for All Act would require the City of Brentwood to spend an additional \$4,765,000 of future growth in property and sales tax revenues for additional fire protection, emergency medical, ambulance and hazardous materials response services to benefit Brentwood residents.”

I, Bryan Scott, acknowledge that it is a misdemeanor under state law (Section 18650 of the Elections Code) to knowingly or willfully allow the signatures on an initiative petition to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the proposed measure for the ballot. I certify that I will not knowingly or willfully allow the signatures for this initiative to be used for any purpose other than qualification of the measure for the ballot.

Bryan Scott

(Signature of Proponent)

Dated this 9th day of January, 2020