Woodbridge Rural Fire Protection District – Nov 2020 Parcel Tax Measure Election Day: November 3, 2020

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE U

If you live in Woodbridge, Acampo, Tower Park, Collierville, or rural areas nearby, there's nothing more important in this election than **your YES VOTE on Measure U** for Woodbridge Fire District.

When a life-threatening medical emergency, fire, or natural disaster strikes, **EVERY SECOND COUNTS.** Woodbridge Fire District (WFD) has answered the call for 78 years, heroically saving lives and protecting our families, homes, and property across its 198-square mile service area.

Our local fire service has also been fiscally prudent, doing more with less, even as demands increased and revenues decreased over time. Sadly, however, limited funding and rising operating costs have taken their toll – today, Woodbridge Fire District is spread thin.

Due to budget constraints, firefighting positions have been lost without being replaced. Fire engines are aging and need repairs. Some firefighting and lifesaving equipment is so old it no longer meets current safety standards. Full staffing of fire stations isn't always financially possible; that's why Fire Station 72 at West Lane and Armstrong Road was closed 42% of the time in 2019.

Measure U provides a prudent, responsible plan to address our fire district's most urgent needs. **NO other funding currently exists to meet these needs**.

Passage of Measure U will:

- Keep all Woodbridge fire stations OPEN
- Protect rapid-response times for fire and 911 emergency medical services
- Maintain emergency rescue services
- **Upgrade** firefighting/lifesaving equipment and facilities
- Restore/retain firefighter and emergency medical positions

Taxpayer Protections are <u>REQUIRED</u>. By law, ALL Measure U funds MUST go to Woodbridge Fire **District.** The State CANNOT take this funding away. Independent Citizens' Oversight and <u>mandatory</u> audits ensure funds are spent properly.

Your VOTE is an investment in <u>YOUR</u> future. Firefighters, emergency responders, community leaders, and residents across our community urge your support.

Please - for your family, your property and your community - VOTE YES on U.

Learn more at www.YesforWoodbridgeFire.com

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