

# City of Pacific



## Proposition No. 1- Submitted by the City of Pacific Public Safety Fire Apparatus and Equipment Bonds - \$595,000

**Ballot Title:** The City Council of the City of Pacific passed Ordinance No. 1469 concerning a proposition to finance and acquire fire apparatus and equipment. If approved, this ballot proposition will authorize the City to acquire a pumper fire truck and accessories to equip it, together with other life saving and fire-fighting equipment, issue no more than \$595,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within ten years to pay for such acquisitions, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 1469. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

**Explanatory Statement:** If approved, this proposition would authorize the City of Pacific, to issue no more than \$595,000 of general obligation bonds to purchase a pumper fire truck with accessories and other life-saving and fire-fighting equipment.

The City Council has found that there is an urgent need for the protection of public health, life and property that the City acquire such apparatus and equipment which would improve fire and life safety capabilities.

Without voter approval, there would be no funds to pay for the new pumper truck and equipment to serve the City and its residents. As a result, the proposed acquisition of apparatus and equipment would not be possible.

The bonds would mature within 10 years, and be paid by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies throughout the City, at an estimated average of 29.7 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an estimated \$29.69 per year for a \$100,000 house. No such taxes would be levied or collected until bonds are sold.

Exemptions from taxes for the bonds may be available to homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, or disabled, and who meet income requirements set by state law.

### Statement For:

Your Pacific Fire Department has strived to provide the highest level of fire protection and emergency medical care for many years on a limited budget. Due to the growth in Pacific, it is even more urgent to provide more and new equipment. We last asked for your support 11 years ago in 1989 to update equipment, and we are asking for your support now. This levy will allow the Pacific Fire Department to purchase a new fire pumper truck and equipment to help save the lives and property of our friends and neighbors in Pacific.

The Pacific Fire Department is comprised mainly of dedicated volunteers that give their time and risk their lives to serve and protect our citizens and property. This equipment will help to protect their lives. Your **Yes** vote will provide the necessary funding to help maintain the level of protection that you expect and deserve.

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No statement was submitted  
against this issue.

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