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Alameda County Health

Aneeka Chaudhry
Director

AGENDA _____ June 2, 2026

May 12, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED FEE INCREASE

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Hold a public hearing for the proposed Emergency Medical Services special tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; and

B. Adopt a resolution to receive the FY 2026-2027 proposed budget report for the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services District, and authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office and the Treasurer's Tax Collector's Office to impose and collect the EMS District Special Tax. The proposed special tax includes a 2.48% increase to the annual district special rate for FY 2026-2027, establishing a basic charge for paramedic services to $42.42 per benefit unit, starting July 1, 2026

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On April 28, 2026, your Board accepted the submission of the Annual Reports outlining the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 proposed budget for the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) District and referred the adoption of the charges to the June budget hearing to hear and consider statements from the public at a public hearing (Item No.3). The recommended annual special district rate of $42.42 per benefit unit for FY 2026-2027 reflects the proposed 2.48% increase, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as of February 2026, and shall be effective to fund the net cost of $28,479,362 for the EMS County Service Area (CSA).

The EMS CSA was formed in 1983 to provide emergency medical services throughout the county, and it covers the total cost to Alameda County for providing ambulance, paramedic, trauma care and related services, including emergency medical dispatch and associated EMS program activities. With the passage of Proposition 218 in November 1996, EMS charges no longer met the definition of "benefit assessment." Therefore, a special tax to replace the benefit assessment was approved by more than the required two-thirds majority of Alameda County voters (81.4%) in 1997. This special tax measure also authorizes the Board of Supervisors to adjust the tax once a year in an amount not to exceed the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward area.

Alameda County Health (AC Health) requests your Board to approve holding a public hearing to hear statements for or against the proposed rate increase, adopt a resolution to confirm the annual reports and adopt the proposed fee increase.

SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:

Not applicable

FINANCING:

Funding for the recommendations comes from the EMS District special tax funds. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2036 GOAL:

Providing emergency medical services in Alameda County meets the 10X goal pathway of **Health for All** in support of our shared vision of a **Thriving and Resilient Population** and **Safe & Livable Communities**.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
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