

Fire Tax Protest Letter - Monument Manor in Joshua Tree

Information for Property Owners in Monument Manor

The County of San Bernardino has proposed the expansion of Fire Protection Zone 5 (FP-5, for short) to cover most of the County, including Joshua Tree. The expansion would result in a levy of \$157.26 per parcel per year, included in the property tax bill. The levy may be increased by up to 3% per year.

(Contiguous parcels owned by a single owner may be combined for the purpose of this tax. If you own parcels that are not contiguous, each parcel will be subject to the levy separately.)

If at least 25% of affected landowners, representing ownership of at least 25% of land in the affected areas in terms of assessed value, protest the expansion FP-5 in writing by October 15, 2018, then a vote by mail ballot on the expansion will happen. Otherwise, the expansion and the levy will go into effect.

If a mail ballot is held, and if more than 50% of affected landowners, representing ownership of at least 50% of land in the affected areas in terms of assessed value, vote against the expansion, then it will not take place, and the Fire Department will have to figure out another way to manage its expenses. Otherwise, the expansion and the levy will go into effect.

When the County mailed out notice of this procedure earlier this month, it did not include the protest form with the mailing. Those wishing to protest were directed to download the form from <https://www.sbcfire.org/ServiceZoneFP-5.aspx>, fill it out, and mail it in. A copy of the protest form is attached below as a convenience.

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Make sure to turn off porch lights at night!



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