

RESOLUTION NO. 14-14

**CITY OF MILLBRAE, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLBRAE
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO VOTE "YES" ON THE FIRE
SUPPRESSION ASSESSMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY**

WHEREAS, property owners in the City have approved two successive Fire Suppression Assessments, each of which had a five year term, and the most recent Fire Suppression Assessment that began in July of 2009 will expire with the levy of assessments for this current Fiscal Year 2013/14; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of this Fire Suppression Assessment will mean the loss of revenues to the City of more than \$1.2 million dollars annually which revenues have been used to support and maintain the current level and quality of fire suppression and prevention services for the Millbrae community; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Suppression Assessment over the past ten years has permitted the City to rely on a stable revenue source to support fire protection, emergency and public safety services while the City's other revenue sources fluctuate with the ever-changing conditions in the marketplace and economy, which will continue to occur in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, although the City has proactively implemented cost saving measures to deliver City services in a more effective and efficient manner, such as the transition of the City's Police Department to contract services with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, shared service arrangements with neighboring cities in the areas of fire, code enforcement and recreation, staffing reductions, the containment of compensation and benefit costs, and the refinancing of City debt, the loss of the revenues from the current Fire Suppression Assessment, if not replaced, will cause significant and undesirable cuts in City services across the board; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the City Council has determined to seek a new Fire Suppression Assessment that is projected to generate approximately \$1.5 million in revenue beginning in FY 14/15 that will be used to continue to support fire suppression, protection and emergency services and related state of the art equipment and improvements in the Millbrae community and thereby contribute to the overall financial sustainability of the City.

WHEREAS, the ballots for the proposed new Fire Suppression Assessment will be mailed out to property owners in early March 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of real property within the limits of the City of Millbrae and, like all of the property owners who are eligible to vote on the Fire Suppression Assessment, the City is entitled to cast votes in the Fire Suppression Assessment relative to City owned parcels; and

WHEREAS, with the conviction that approval of the Fire Suppression Assessment by the property owners in the City is critical to the future financial health of the City, the City Council desires to authorize the City Manager to vote "YES" on the Fire Suppression Assessment ballots that the City receives for the parcels of property that are owned by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Millbrae hereby authorizes the City Manager to vote "YES" on the ballots for the Fire Suppression Assessment on behalf of the City with respect to all city-owned property.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March 2014.



Mayor


ATTEST:



City Clerk

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Millbrae this 11th day of March 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Lee, Gottschalk, Colapietro, Oliva, and Holober
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
EXCUSED:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None



CITY CLERK