

## **County of Santa Cruz**

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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AGENDA: MARCH 28,2006

March 16,2006

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, California 95060

SUBJECT: 2006/2007 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT RATES FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA

NO. 36, FOREST GLEN, ZONE A (2ND DISTRICT), AND COUNTY SERVICE

AREA NO. 51, HOPKINS GULCH (5TH DISTRICT)

Members of the Board:

Public Works has received notification from the following County Service Areas (CSA) that they wish to increase their benefit assessment rates for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

<u>CSA No. 36</u>, Forest Glen, Zone A - This CSA consists of 82 parcels; 15 of which are of token value or unbuildable. Assessments are levied on all parcels with an assessed value greater than \$5,000.00. The proposed 2006/2007 assessment increases the existing rate of \$24.00 to \$50.00 per year. This increase is needed to build up reserves for road maintenance and operations.

CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch - This CSA consists of 69 parcels, three of which are of token value or unbuildable. Assessments are levied on all parcels with an assessed value greater than \$5,000.00. The proposed 2006/2007 assessment increases the existing rate for the seven zones of benefit by 25 percent this year. The new rates range from \$20.00 to \$750.00 per improved parcel per year. This increase is needed to build up reserves for road maintenance and operations.

As CSA fees are considered benefit assessments, any increase in rates must comply with Proposition 218 procedures. These procedures require that an increase in the benefit assessment rate can only be charged if an election is held and the increase is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners, with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel. Furthermore, a public hearing must be held to consider any protests to the proposed increase.

We have attached the Engineer's Reports, notices of public hearing, resolutions, and sample ballots for your Board's approval. The notice of public hearing sets May 23,2006, as the public hearing date on the proposed CSA No. 36, Zone A, and CSA No. 51 rates. These rates are set at the specific level requested by the service area representatives and include an allowance for

rates to be increased each fiscal year based on the Consumer Price Index. The rates are identified in the attached Engineer's Reports. The sample ballots, notices of public hearing, and resolutions are all in accordance with Board established rules for conducting ballot proceedings for assessments under Article XIIID, Section 4 of the California State Constitution.

County Service Areas with benefit assessments that remain at the same level as in 2005/2006 or increased by the Consumer Price Index follow different proceedings and are presented to your Board today as a separate item.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following action:

- 1. Accept and approve the Engineer's Reports for CSA No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.
- 2. Adopt the attached Resolutions of Intention to Authorize and Levy an Assessment for Road Maintenance and Operations within CSA No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.
- 3. Approve the attached notices of public hearing, ballot procedures, and sample ballots for the proposed increased 2006/2007 assessments for CSA No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.
- 4. Set Tuesday, May 23,2006, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter as the date and time for the public hearing on the proposed increased assessment rates for CSA No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, and direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a summary notice of the public hearing, once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.
- 5. Direct the Department of Public Works to mail ballots to the record owners of properties subject to the proposed assessments within CSA No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and CSA No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.

Yours truly.

THOMAS I BOLICE

Director of Public Works

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Attachments

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:** 

County Administrative Officer

Copy to:

Robert Schultz, CSA No. 36 Representative James Van Verth, CSA No. 36 Representative

Larry Ebright, CSA No. 51 Representative Grisland Giles, Home Builders Association

**Public Works Department** 

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 36, FOREST GLEN, ZONE A

The undersigned submits this written Engineer's Report to the Board of the Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

- 1. <u>Engineer's Report</u>. This Engineer's Report is for a new or increased benefit assessment set forth below.
- 2. <u>Authorization</u>. This Engineer's Report is submitted pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- 3. <u>Purpose of the Assessment</u>. The express purpose for which this benefit assessment is proposed is to provide a source of funding for County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, road maintenance and operations.
- 4. <u>Proposed Funding</u>. The services in this County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, are proposed to be funded by a benefit assessment levied under County Service Area law and in accordance with Article XIIID of the Constitution.
- 5. <u>Necessity for Engineer's Report</u>. This Engineer's Report is required for this proposed increased assessment by the provisions of Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- 6. <u>Limitation upon Expending Assessment Proceeds</u>. Any funds collected from the new or increased benefit assessment proposed herein shall be expended only for road maintenance and operations services to benefit the properties within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A. Any unexpended funds raised by the assessment remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over for the same purpose in the next fiscal year.
- 7. <u>Levy</u>. A benefit assessment to raise revenue to fund services is hereby proposed to be levied upon real property within County Service Area No. 36, Zone A excepting any unbuildable parcels, common areas, and parcels with an assessed value of \$5,000.00 and less.
- **8.** Assessment Rate. The rate of assessment for the fiscal year 2006/07 and the rate for each year following is proposed to be increased by \$26.00 to the following rate:

#### A. \$50.00 per year per parcel

Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less, will not be charged.

B. For each fiscal year after 2006/07, the assessment rate may be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the US. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when

necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase automatically each year. If in any year the assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.

- C. The lien date shall be that prescribed by law.
- D. The foregoing schedule and rate are based upon a flat fee for each parcel. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. No assessment exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.
- 9. Collection. The collection of the proposed assessment shall be by the County of Santa Cruz on behalf of County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties, as other fees, charges, and taxes fixed and collected by or on behalf of all County Service Areas. The County may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for that service before resubmittal of the balance to the account of County Service Area No. 36, Zone A.
- 10. Determinations of Engineer's Report. The determinations of this written Engineer's Report for the proposed assessment pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution are as follows:
- **A.** The attached schedule identifies and describes all parcels which have a special benefit conferred on them and on which the new or increased assessment will be imposed, and sets forth the amount of the assessment for each parcel for the initial fiscal year,
- B. The proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the road maintenance and operations service to be provided is as set forth on the attached schedule,
- C. No assessment is imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, and
- D. The only benefits assessed are special and any general benefits have been separated from the special benefits conferred on each parcel.
- 11. Ballot Procedure. As required by Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, a Property Owner Ballot must be enclosed with the notice of the proposed assessment. This ballot may be used by the owner(s) or by the tenant(s) who are directly liable for payment of the assessment in question of any parcel to express either support for or opposition to the proposed assessment. The ballot instructions will describe the alternative methods for submitting the ballot by mail or by personal delivery, either prior to or at the time of the public hearing of protests.



Upon the close of the public hearing, the returned ballots will be tabulated, both in support of and in opposition to the assessment, with ballots being weighted in accordance with the amount of the proposed assessment, and the results will be announced; provided that, in the event additional time is required to determine whether any ballot has been properly tabulated or to tabulate all the votes, the Board may continue the matter of announcing results to provide such additional time. In the event that ballots in opposition exceed ballots in support, there will be a "majority protest," and the Board will be precluded from proceeding with the proposed assessment.

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned registered engineer submits this written Engineer's Report and recommends adoption of the proposed assessment.

Dated: MARCH C, 2006

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## ENGINEER'S REPORT REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASED BENEFIT ASSESSMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 51, HOPKINS GULCH

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The undersigned submits this written Engineer's Report to the Board of the Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

- 1. <u>Engineer's Report</u>. This Engineer's Report is for a new or increased benefit assessment set forth below.
- 2. <u>Authorization</u>. This Engineer's Report is submitted pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- 3. <u>Purpose of the Assessment</u>. The express purpose for which this benefit assessment is proposed is to provide a source of funding for County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch for road maintenance and operations.
- 4. <u>Proposed Funding</u>. The services in this County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch are proposed to be funded by a benefit assessment levied under County Service Area law and in accordance with Article XIIID of the Constitution.
- 5. <u>Necessity for Engineer's Report</u>. This Engineer's Report is required for this proposed increased assessment by the provisions of Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution.
- 6. <u>Limitation upon Expending Assessment Proceeds</u>. Any funds collected from the new or increased benefit assessment proposed herein shall be expended only for road maintenance and operations services to benefit the properties within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch. Any unexpended funds raised by the assessment remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over for the same purpose in the next fiscal year.
- 7. <u>Levy</u>. A benefit assessment to raise revenue to fund services is hereby proposed to be levied upon real property within County Service Area No. 51 excepting any unbuildable parcels, common areas, and parcels with an assessed value of \$5,000.00 and less.
- **8.** Assessment Rate. The rate of assessment for the fiscal year 2006/07 and the rate for each year following is proposed to be increased by 25 percent to the following rates:
  - \$ 5.00 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone A
  - \$ 20.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone A
  - \$ 31.88 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone B
  - \$ 127.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone B
  - \$ 78.75 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone C
  - \$ 315.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone C
  - \$ 945.00 for Jackson Excavating Co., APN 089-081-21
  - \$ 103.13 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone D
  - \$ 412.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone D
  - \$ 112.50 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone E
  - \$450.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone E
  - \$ 144.38 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone F
  - \$ 577.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone F
  - \$ 187.50 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone G
  - \$ 750.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone G



Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less, will not be charged.

- B. For each fiscal year after 2006/07, the assessment rate may be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase automatically each year. If in any year the assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.
  - C. The lien date shall be that prescribed by law.
- D. The foregoing schedule and rate are based upon zones of benefit for each parcel. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. No assessment exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.
- 9. Collection. The collection of the proposed assessment shall be by the County of Santa Cruz on behalf of County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties, as other fees, charges, and taxes fixed and collected by or on behalf of all County Service Areas. The County may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for that service before resubmittal of the balance to the account of County Service Area No. 51.
- 10. Determinations of Engineer's Report. The determinations of this written Engineer's Report for the proposed assessment pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution are as follows:
- A. The attached schedule identifies and describes all parcels which have a special benefit conferred on them and on which the new or increased assessment will be imposed, and sets forth the amount of the assessment for each parcel for the initial fiscal year,
- B. The proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the road maintenance and operations service to be provided is as set forth on the attached schedule,
- C. No assessment is imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel, and
- D. The only benefits assessed are special and any general benefits have been separated from the special benefits conferred on each parcel.
- 11. Ballot Procedure. As required by Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, a Property Owner Ballot must be enclosed with the notice of the proposed assessment. This ballot may be used by the owner(s) or by the tenant(s) who are directly liable for payment of the assessment in question of any parcel to express either support for or opposition to the proposed

assessment. The ballot instructions will describe the alternative methods for submitting the ballot by mail or by personal delivery, either prior to or at the time of the public hearing of protests.

Upon the close of the public hearing, the returned ballots will be tabulated, both in support of and in opposition to the assessment, with ballots being weighted in accordance with the amount of the proposed assessment, and the results will be announced; provided that, in the event additional time is required to determine whether any ballot has been properly tabulated or to tabulate all the votes, the Board may continue the matter of announcing results to provide such additional time. In the event that ballots in opposition exceed ballots in support, there will be a "majority protest," and the Board will be precluded from proceeding with the proposed assessment.

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned registered engineer submits this written Engineer's Report and recommends adoption of the proposed assessment.

Dated: MARCH 8 ,2006

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.	
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On the motion of Supervisor duly seconded by Supervisor the following resolution is adopted:

# RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO AUTHORIZE AND LEVY AN INCREASED ASSESSMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 36, FOREST GLEN, ZONE A

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be prepared, and on this date has received for filing with the Clerk of this Board, the written Engineer's Report, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein, prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California for a proposed increased assessment within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report determines and specifies all of the following:

- 1. The schedule attached to the original engineer's report identifies and describes all parcels which have a special benefit conferred on them and on which the assessment will be imposed, and sets forth the amount of the assessment for each parcel for the fiscal year 2006/07;
- 2. The proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the services to be provided;
- 3. No assessment is imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on each parcel;
- 4. The only benefits assessed are special and the general benefits have been separated from the special benefits conferred on each parcel;
- **5.** The duration of the assessment is specified;
- 6. The basis of the assessment is stated; and

WHEREAS, after considering the Engineer's Report, this Board finds it is in the best interest of County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and its owners and inhabitants to declare the Board's intention to levy the proposed assessments each year in accordance with that report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:

1. Declaration of Intention. This Board declares its intention under the authority of County Service Area Law commencing with Government Code Section 252 10.1 and Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution, to levy an increased assessment upon real property with County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A for the fiscal year 2006/07 and each year thereafter as follows:

#### A. \$50.00 per year per parcel

Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health Regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less, will not be charged.

- B. For each fiscal year after 2006/07, the assessment rate may be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase automatically each year. If in any year the assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.
- C. The lien date shall be that prescribed by law.
- D. The foregoing schedules and rates are based upon a flat fee. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. No assessment exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.
- 2. Public Hearing. On May 23,2006, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter in the Meeting Chambers of this Board at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, this Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, assessments, and will consider the ballots described in paragraph 5 and any protests described in paragraph 6.
- 3. Answering Inquiries. This Board designates the Director of Public Works or his authorized representative(s) as the person to answer inquiries regarding the protest proceedings.
- 4. Notice of Public Hearing. The Clerk of the Board is directed to give notice of the public information meeting and of the public protest hearing as follows:

Pursuant to Subsections (c) and (d) of Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution, the notice given pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall give the record owner of each identified parcel the amount of the proposed assessment, the total amount thereof chargeable to the whole County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, the amount chargeable to the owner's particular parcel, the duration of such payment, the reason for such assessment, and the basis upon which the proposed assessment was calculated, together with the date, time and location of a public hearing on the proposed assessment. Each notice shall also include, in a conspicuous place thereon, a summary of the procedures applicable to the completion, return and tabulation of the ballots required, including a disclosure statement that the existence of a majority protest will result in the assessment not being imposed. Each such notice shall contain a ballot whereby each such owner may indicate his or her name, a reasonable identification of the parcel, and support or opposition to the proposed assessment.

- 5. The Property Owner Ballot Procedure. As required by Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, a Property Owner Ballot must be enclosed with the notice of the proposed assessment. This ballot may be used by the owner(s) of any parcel to express either support for or opposition to the proposed assessment. The ballot instructions will describe the alternative methods for submitting the ballot by mail or by personal delivery, either prior to or at the time of the public hearing of protests. Upon the close of the public hearing, the returned ballots will be tabulated, both in support of and in opposition to the assessment, with ballots being weighted in accordance with the amount of the proposed assessment, and the results will be announced; provided that, in the event additional time is required to determine whether any ballot has been properly tabulated or to tabulate all the votes, the Board may continue the matter of announcing results to provide such additional time. In the event that ballots in opposition exceed ballots in support, there will be a "majority protest," and the Board will be precluded from proceeding with the proposed assessment.
- 6. Protests. Any protest pertaining to the validity of the assessment or the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly and specifically set forth the alleged irregularity or defect. Any grounds of protest not stated in a written protest filed prior to the close of the public hearing shall be deemed waived.

State of Calif		•	the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,,2006, by the following vote:
AYES:	SUPERVISOR	S	
NOES:	SUPERVISOR	S	
ABSENT:	SUPERVISOR	S	
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISOR	S	
			Chairperson Board of Supervisors
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Assistant County Counsel

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor	

On the motion of Supervisor duly seconded by Supervisor the following resolution is adopted:

#### RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO AUTHORIZE AND LEVY AN INCREASED ASSESSMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 51, HOPKINS GULCH

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be prepared, and on this date has received for filing with the Clerk of this Board, the written Engineer's Report, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein, prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California for a proposed increased assessment within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, pursuant to Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report determines and specifies all of the following:

- 1. The schedule attached to the original engineer's report identifies and describes all parcels which have a special benefit conferred on them and on which the assessment will be imposed, and sets forth the amount of the assessment for each parcel for the fiscal year 2006/07;
- 2. The proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the services to be provided;
- 3. No assessment is imposed on any parcel which exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on each parcel;
- 4. The only benefits assessed are special and the general benefits have been separated from the special benefits conferred on each parcel;
- 5. The duration of the assessment is specified;
- 6. The basis of the assessment is stated; and

WHEREAS, after considering the Engineer's Report, this Board finds it is in the best interest of County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, and its owners and inhabitants to declare the Board's intention to levy the proposed assessments each year in accordance with that report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz as follows:



- 1. Declaration of Intention. This Board declares its intention under the authority of County Service Area Law commencing with Government Code Section 252 10.1 and Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution, to levy an increased assessment upon real property with County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch for the fiscal year 2006/07 and each year thereafter as follows:
  - \$ 5.00 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone A
  - \$ 20.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone A
  - \$ 31.88 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone B
  - \$ 127.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone B
  - \$ 78.75 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone C
  - \$ 315.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone C
  - \$ 945.00 for Jackson Excavating Co., APN 089-081-21
  - \$ 103.13 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone D
  - \$ 412.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone D
  - \$ 112.50 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone E
  - \$ 450.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone E
  - \$ 144.38 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone F
  - \$ 577.50 per year per improved parcel in Zone F
  - \$ 187.50 per year per unimproved parcel in Zone G
  - \$ 750.00 per year per improved parcel in Zone G

Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health Regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000.00 or less, will not be charged.

- B. For each fiscal year after 2006/07, the assessment rate may be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase automatically each year. If in any year the assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.
  - C. The lien date shall be that prescribed by law.
  - D. The foregoing schedules and rates are based upon zones of benefit. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. No assessment exceeds the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred on that parcel.

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- 2. Public Hearing. On May 23,2006, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter in the Meeting Chambers of this Board at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, this Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, assessments, and will consider the ballots described in paragraph 5 and any protests described in paragraph 6.
- 3. Answering Inquiries. This Board designates the Director of Public Works or his authorized representative(s) as the person to answer inquiries regarding the protest proceedings.
- 4. Notice of Public Hearing. The Clerk of the Board is directed to give notice of the public information meeting and of the public protest hearing as follows:

Pursuant to Subsections (c) and (d) of Article XIIID, Section 4 of the Constitution, the notice given pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall give the record owner of each identified parcel the amount of the proposed assessment, the total amount thereof chargeable to the whole County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, the amount chargeable to the owner's particular parcel, the duration of such payment, the reason for such assessment, and the basis upon which the proposed assessment was calculated, together with the date, time and location of a public hearing on the proposed assessment. Each notice shall also include, in a conspicuous place thereon, a summary of the procedures applicable to the completion, return and tabulation of the ballots required, including a disclosure statement that the existence of a majority protest will result in the assessment not being imposed. Each such notice shall contain a ballot whereby each such owner may indicate his or her name, a reasonable identification of the parcel, and support or opposition to the proposed assessment.

- 5. The Property Owner Ballot Procedure. As required by Section 4 of Article XIIID of the California Constitution, a Property Owner Ballot must be enclosed with the notice of the proposed assessment. This ballot may be used by the owner(s) of any parcel to express either support for or opposition to the proposed assessment. The ballot instructions will describe the alternative methods for submitting the ballot by mail or by personal delivery, either prior to or at the time of the public hearing of protests. Upon the close of the public hearing, the returned ballots will be tabulated, both in support of and in opposition to the assessment, with ballots being weighted in accordance with the amount of the proposed assessment, and the results will be announced; provided that, in the event additional time is required to determine whether any ballot has been properly tabulated or to tabulate all the votes, the Board may continue the matter of announcing results to provide such additional time. In the event that ballots in opposition exceed ballots in support, there will be a "majority protest," and the Board will be precluded from proceeding with the proposed assessment.
- 6. Protests. Any protest pertaining to the validity of the assessment or the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly and specifically set forth the alleged irregularity or defect. Any grounds of protest not stated in a written protest filed prior to the close of the public hearing shall be deemed waived.

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AYES:	SUPERVISORS	
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	
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		Chairperson, Board of Supervisors
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Approved as	to form:	
Assistant Cou	nty Counsel	

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## COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ 0000280



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BALLOT PROCEDURE, AND BALLOT FOR AN INCREASED ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES WITHIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 36 FOREST GLEN, ZONE A

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, May 23, 2006, which begins at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter in the Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, California, to consider the adoption of a proposed resolution authorizing and levying an assessment in compliance with Proposition 218 ("The Taxpayers Right to Vote Initiative") for the purpose of providing funding for road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A.

Proposition 218, which was approved by the voters at the November 1996 general election, includes provisions that a new or increased benefit assessment to provide road maintenance and operation services can only be charged under Proposition 218 if it is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners (or tenants who are directly liable for paying the proposed assessments) with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel.

Enclosed is your Official Mailed Assessment Ballot for you to vote on whether to approve the proposed assessment to provide funding for Forest Glen, Zone A, road maintenance and operation services.

Please see "Assessment Ballot Instructions" printed on the next page.

#### ASSESSMENT BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

#### HOW TO VOTE YOUR ASSESSMENT BALLOT

The enclosed ballot is to be used to express support for or opposition to the proposed assessment for road maintenance and operation services. In order to be counted, the Ballot Declaration must be completed and signed by the property owner, or by a tenant whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, and the Ballot returned in accordance with these instructions.

- 1. Use a pen to mark an "X" next to "Yes" or "No" to cast your vote.
- 2. Complete and sign the ballot declaration.

#### RETURNING YOUR ASSESSMENT BALLOT

- 1. Place the ballot in the ballot return envelope, and seal the envelope.
- 2. Deliver the ballot return envelope either by mail or in person as follows:

**Mail Delivery:** If by mail, mail with the required postage stamp no later than May 17, 2006. Mailing later than this deadline creates the risk that the ballot may not be received in time to be counted.

**Personal Delivery:** If in person, deliver to the Public Works Department at any time up to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, Room 410, or at the hearing itself at 9:00 a.m. on that date at 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California, Board Chambers.

Regardless of which method of delivery is used, the ballot must be <u>received</u> in the ballot return envelope prior to the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, to be counted.

If you wrongly stamp, tear, or deface this ballot, write "spoiled" across the face of the ballot, and return it to the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 and another ballot will be issued to you. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works County Service Administration at (831) 454-2160.

The following pages contain additional information regarding the proposed assessment, assessment procedures, and protests.



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CSA 36Cruz be authorized to increase assessments by \$26.00 to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?

#### ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1. <u>Total Assessments within Service Area</u>. The total amount of the proposed assessments for road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, for the 2006/07 fiscal year is \$3,305.00.
- 2. Amount of Assessment on Parcel. The amount of the proposed assessment on your parcel for the 2006/07 fiscal year is stated on the enclosed Assessment Ballot.
- 3. <u>Duration of Assessment</u>. The proposed assessment is an annual fee and will continue indefinitely. The fee is being increased to build up reserves for annual road maintenance and repair of Forest Glen, Zone A.
- 4. Reason for Assessment. express purpose for which this benefit assessment is levied is to provide a source of funding for County Service Area road maintenance and operations. Pursuant to Proposition 218, an assessment can be used to pay for special benefits conferred on real property by governmental facilities and services. However, a new or increased assessment is only permitted under Proposition 218 if ballots are mailed to all record owners subject to the proposed assessment and prior to the close of the public hearing set for the assessment at least as many ballots are submitted in favor of the assessment as are submitted in opposition to the assessment, with the ballots weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment on each parcel. If the weighted ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the weighted ballots submitted in favor of the assessment, a "majority protest" exists, and the proposed assessment cannot be charged.

- 5. <u>Basis for Assessment</u>. The following schedule and rate is based upon a flat fee per parcel. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. The assessment rate schedule is proposed to be as follows:
- a. Zone A \$50.00 per year per parcel

Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000 or less, will not be charged.

b. For each fiscal year after 2006/07 the assessment rate may be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase automatically each year. If in any year the assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.

#### **BALLOT PROCEDURES**

- 1. Persons Entitled to Ballot.
- a. Record Owners. The record owner of each parcel is as set forth on the Assessor's current master property record on the date the mailing list for the assessment is generated. In accordance with Article XIIID, notice, including the ballot, in these proceedings shall be mailed to the record owner of each parcel as shown on the Assessor's master property record.

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- b. <u>Tenants</u>. A tenant who holds a tenancy of real property and whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment, may submit a ballot for the parcel. When the authority of a tenant is established, the ballot of the tenant shall be counted in place of any ballot submitted by the owner. There is, however, no duty to seek out or give special notice to tenants.
- 2. One Ballot per Parcel. Only one ballot shall be counted for each parcel, even if there are co-owners or co-tenants. If more than one co-owner or co-tenant, respectively, should submit a ballot and the ballots are in agreement after considering withdrawals, then one ballot shall be counted for the parcel. If more than one co-owner or co-tenant, respectively, should submit a ballot and the ballots are in conflict after considering withdrawals, then no ballot shall be counted for that parcel.

#### **PROTESTS**

- 1. In addition to the ballots in favor of or in opposition to the proposed assessment, the Board of Supervisors will also consider any other protests to the proposed assessments at the public hearing. Any protest pertaining to the validity of the assessment or the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly and specifically set forth the alleged irregularity or defect. Any grounds of protest not stated in a written protest filed prior to the close of the public hearing shall be deemed waived.
- 2. The Board of Supervisors retains authority otherwise conferred by law to make changes in the boundaries of the proposed assessment area, in the extent of the services to be provided, and in the amount of the assessment (including the amounts of any individual assessments) provided, however the assessment area shall not be expanded nor any assessment increased beyond that specified by this notice without new notice and proceedings in compliance with all laws.

The County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Questions regarding accommodation under the ADA should be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 454-2323.

A copy of the proposed Resolution, the Engineer's Report, and the Balloting Rules are available at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, California.



## Ballot for County Service Area No. **36**, Forest Glen, Zone A Road Maintenance and Operation Services Assessment

Signature

Name (Printed)

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## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**



# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BALLOT PROCEDURE, AND BALLOT FOR AN INCREASED ASSESSMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES WITHIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 51 HOPKINS GULCH

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, May 23, 2006, which begins at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter in the Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, California, to consider the adoption of a proposed resolution authorizing and levying an increased assessment in compliance with Proposition 218 ("The Taxpayers Right to Vote Initiative") for the purpose of providing funding for road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.

Proposition 218, which was approved by the voters at the November 1996 general election, includes provisions that a new or increased benefit assessment to provide road maintenance and operation services can only be charged under Proposition 218 if it is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners (or tenants who are directly liable for paying the proposed assessments) with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel.

Enclosed is your Official Mailed Assessment Ballot for you to vote on whether to approve the proposed assessment to provide funding for Hopkins Gulch, road maintenance and operation services.

Please see "Assessment Ballot Instructions" printed on the next page.

#### ASSESSMENT BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

#### HOW TO VOTE YOUR ASSESSMENT BALLOT

The enclosed ballot is to be used to express support for or opposition to the proposed assessment for road maintenance and operation services. In order to be counted, the Ballot Declaration must be completed and signed by the property owner, or by a tenant whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, and the Ballot returned in accordance with these instructions.

- 1. Use a pen to mark an "X" next to "Yes" or "No" to cast your vote.
- 2. Complete and sign the ballot declaration.

#### RETURNING YOUR ASSESSMENT BALLOT

- 1. Place the ballot in the ballot return envelope, and seal the envelope.
- 2. Deliver the ballot return envelope either by mail or in person as follows:

<u>Mail Delivery</u>: If by mail, mail with the required postage stamp no later than May 17, 2006. Mailing later than this deadline creates the risk that the ballot may not be received in time to be counted.

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Regardless of which method of delivery is used, the ballot must be <u>received</u> in the ballot return envelope prior to the close of the public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, to be counted.

If you wrongly stamp, tear, or deface this ballot, write "spoiled" across the face of the ballot, and return it to the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, 701 Ocean Street, Room 410, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 and another ballot will be issued to you. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works County Service Administration at (831) 454-2160.

The following pages contain additional information regarding the proposed assessment, assessment procedures, and protests.



CSA 51 Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase assessments by 25 percent to provide road maintenance and operations within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?

#### ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1. <u>Total Assessments within Service Area.</u> The total amount of the proposed assessments for road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, for the 2006/07 fiscal year is \$18,646.83.
- 2. Amount of Assessment on Parcel. The amount of the proposed assessment on your parcel for the 2006/07 fiscal year is stated on the enclosed Assessment Ballot.
- 3. <u>Duration of Assessment</u>. The proposed assessment is an annual fee and will continue indefinitely. The fee is being increased to build up reserves for annual road maintenance and operations of Hopkins Gulch.
- 4. Reason for Assessment. The express purpose for which this benefit assessment is levied is to provide a source of funding for County Service Area road maintenance and operations. Pursuant to Proposition 218, an assessment can be used to pay for special benefits conferred on real property by governmental facilities and However, a new or increased services. assessment is only permitted under Proposition 218 if ballots are mailed to all record owners subject to the proposed assessment and prior to the close of the public hearing set for the assessment at least as many ballots are submitted in favor of the assessment as are submitted in opposition to the assessment, with the ballots weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment on each parcel. If the weighted ballots submitted in opposition to the assessment exceed the weighted ballots submitted in favor of the assessment, a "majority protest" exists, and the proposed assessment cannot be charged.

5. <u>Basis for Assessment</u>. The following schedule and rate are based upon zones of benefit per parcel. The assessment is proportional to the special benefit derived by each identified parcel in relationship to the entirety of the cost of the property related service being provided. The assessment rate schedule is proposed to be increased by 25 percent as follows:

Zone A per year:

\$ 5.00 per unimproved parcel

\$ 20.000 per improved parcel

Zone B per year:

\$ 31.88 per unimproved parcel

\$127.50 per improved parcel

Zone C per year:

\$ 78.75 per unimproved parcel

\$315.00 per improved parcel

\$945.00 Jackson Excavating APN 89-081-21

Zone D per year:

\$103.13 per unimproved parcel

\$412.50 per improved parcel

Zone E per year:

\$112.50 per unimproved parcel

\$450.00 per improved parcel

Zone F per year:

\$144.38 per unimproved parcel

\$577.50 per improved parcel

Zone G per year:

\$187.50 per unimproved parcel

\$750.00 per improved parcel

Common areas, parcels which have been determined to be unbuildable by the Planning Department or Environmental Health regulations, and parcels with an assessed valuation of \$5,000 or less, will not be charged.

b. For each fiscal year after 2006/07 the assessment rate <u>may</u> be increased by a percentage which does not exceed the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers for the San Francisco/Oakland Metropolitan Area, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, (or in any price index which replaces that index in the future) for the prior calendar year. The assessment rate will be increased only when necessary to meet approved expenses, and would not increase



assessment rate is not increased, or is increased by an amount less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index, the difference between the rate of the increase in the assessment rate and the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index will remain available for use in future years to raise the assessment rate as necessary to meet approved expenses.

#### **BALLOT PROCEDURES**

- 1. Persons Entitled to Ballot.
- a. Record Owners. The record owner of each parcel is as set forth on the Assessor's current master property record on the date the mailing list for the assessment is generated. In accordance with Article XIIID, notice, including the ballot, in these proceedings shall be mailed to the record owner of each parcel as shown on the Assessor's master property record.
- b. <u>Tenants</u>. A tenant who holds a tenancy of real property and whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment, may submit a ballot for the parcel. When the authority of a tenant is established, the ballot of the tenant shall be counted in place of any ballot submitted by the owner. There is, however, no duty to seek out or give special notice to tenants.
- 2. One Ballot per Parcel. Only one ballot shall be counted for each parcel, even if there are co-owners or co-tenants. If more than one co-owner or co-tenant, respectively, should submit a ballot and the ballots are in agreement after considering withdrawals, then one ballot shall be counted for the parcel. If more than one co-owner or co-tenant, respectively, should submit a ballot and the ballots are in conflict after considering withdrawals, then no ballot shall be counted for that parcel.

#### **PROTESTS**

1. In addition to the ballots in favor of or in opposition to the proposed assessment, the Board of Supervisors will also consider any other protests to the proposed assessments at the

public hearing. Any protest pertaining to the validity of the assessment or the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly and specifically set forth the alleged irregularity or defect. Any grounds of protest not stated in a written protest filed prior to the close of the public hearing shall be deemed waived.

2. The Board of Supervisors retains authority otherwise conferred by law to make changes in the boundaries of the proposed assessment area, in the extent of the services to be provided, and in the amount of the assessment (including the amounts of any individual assessments) provided, however the assessment area shall not be expanded nor any assessment increased beyond that specified by this notice without new notice and proceedings in compliance with all laws.

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The County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Questions regarding accommodation under the ADA should be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 454-2323.

A copy of the proposed Resolution, the Engineer's Report, and the Balloting Rules are available at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, California.



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$5.00 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone A	
Ballot Question:	
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to \$4.00 per unimproved parcel to \$5.00 per unintenance and operation services within C Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consume to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?	unimproved parcel to provide road county Service Area No. 51, Hopkins
Yes No	)
Ballot Declaration:	
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number se owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessment.	et forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an a community property interest, all joint al partner or legal representative of a re of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, whose lease or other rental agreement
I declare under penalty of perjury that this o	
	Signature
	Name (Printed)



ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$20.00 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone A
Ballot Question:
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$16.00 per improved parcel to \$20.00 per improved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?
Yes No
Ballot Declaration:
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.
Signature
Name (Printed)



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$31.88 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone B	
Ballot Question:	
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to in \$25.50 per unimproved parcel to \$31.88 per unintenance and operation services within Coulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?	nimproved parcel to provide road unty Service Area No. 51, Hopkins
Yes No _	
Ballot Declaration:	
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to of the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel w expressly requires that the tenant directly pay a assessment.	forth above as (I) ole owner, (2) an community property interest, all joint partner or legal representative of a of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, those lease or other rental agreement
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APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$127.50 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone B
Ballot Question:
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$102.00 per improved parcel to \$127.50 per improved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?
Yes No
Ballot Declaration:
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as •• Dole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.
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Signature
Name (Printed)



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: <b>\$78.75</b> ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone C
Ballot Question:
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$63.00 per unimproved parcel to \$78.75 per unimproved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?
Yes No
Ballot Declaration:
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (Isole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.
Signature
Name (Printed)



ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$315.00 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone C
Ballot Question:
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$252.00 per improved parcel to \$315.00 per improved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?
Yes No
Ballot Declaration:
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.
Signature
Name (Printed)



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## Ballot for County Service Area No. **51**, Hopkins Gulch Road Maintenance and Operation Services Assessment

APN: 089-081-21

ASSESSEE NAME: John Jackson ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: **\$945.00** ZONE: Jackson Excavating Zone C

#### **Ballot Question:**

Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$756.00 to \$945.00 to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?

Yes	No
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#### **Ballot Declaration:**

I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.

  -	declare			declaration made this day of, California, is true and correct.	
				Signature	
				Name (Printed)	



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$103.13 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone D
Ballot Question:
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment \$82.50 per unimproved parcel to \$103.13 per unimproved parcel to provide roamintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkin Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessato pay approved expenditures) or decreases?
Yes No
Ballot Declaration:
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment of the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as  under the owner, (2) a owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joi tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estat or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreeme expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the propose assessment.
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.
Signature
Name (Printed)



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$412.50 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone D	
Ballot Question:	
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to incre \$330.00 per improved parcel to <b>\$412.50</b> per improved parcel to services within County Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer pri to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?	proved parcel to provide road y Service Area No. <b>51,</b> Hopkins
Yes No	
Ballot Declaration:	
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set fort owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a contenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general pacorporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whos expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessment.	h above as (1) sole owner, (2) an nmunity property interest, all joint rtner or legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, e lease or other rental agreement
I declare under penalty of perjury that this decla, 2006, at	ration made this day of _, California, is true and correct.
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Name	e (Printed)

APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$112.50 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone E			
Ballot Question:			
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$90.00 per unimproved parcel to \$112.50 per unimproved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?			
Yes No			
Ballot Declaration:			
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.			
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.			

Signature

Name (Printed)



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$450.00 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone E	
Ballot Question:	
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to inc \$360.00 per improved parcel to \$450.00 per immaintenance and operation services within Coun Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer propagation of the consumer propagat	proved parcel to provide road ty Service Area No. 51, Hopkins
Yes No	
Ballot Declaration:	
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cas the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set for owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a co tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general pa- corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel who expressly requires that the tenant directly pay ass assessment.	rth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an immunity property interest, all joint artner or legal representative of a a corporate landowner, trust, estate, se lease or other rental agreement
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declare, 2006, at	
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APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$144.38 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone F		
Ballot Question:		
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$115.50 per unimproved parcel to \$144.38 per unimproved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?		
Yes No		
Ballot Declaration:		
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as •• sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.		
declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.		
Signature		
Name (Printed)		



APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$577.50 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone F		
Ballot Question:		
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$462.00 per improved parcel to \$577.50 per improved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?		
Yes No		
Ballot Declaration:		
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.		
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.		
Signature		
Name (Printed)		



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	APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$187.50 ZONE: Unimproved Parcel Zone G		
	Ballot Question:		
	Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to increase the existing assessment of \$150.00 per unimproved parcel to \$187.50 per unimproved parcel to provide road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer price index increases (if necessary to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?		
	Yes No		
	Ballot Declaration:		
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as (1) sole owner, (2) are owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all join tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.			
	I declare under penalty of perjury that this declaration made this day of, 2006, at, California, is true and correct.		
	Signature		
	Name (Printed)		



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APN: ASSESSEE NAME: ASSESSMENT AMOUNT: \$750.00 ZONE: Improved Parcel Zone G		
Ballot Question:		
Shall the County of Santa Cruz be authorized to inc \$600.00 per improved parcel to \$750.00 per immaintenance and operation services within Coun Gulch, by an annual assessment, with consumer propagation to pay approved expenditures) or decreases?	proved parcel to provide road ty Service Area No. 51, Hopkins	
Yes No		
Ballot Declaration:		
I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to cast all the vote on the assessment for the parcel identified by the Tax Parcel Number set forth above as  under covered owner, (2) an owner acting on behalf of a spouse who holds a community property interest, all joint tenants, or all tenants in common, (3) a general partner or legal representative of a corporate general partner, (4) a legal representative of a corporate landowner, trust, estate, or public agency, or (5) as a tenant of the parcel whose lease or other rental agreement expressly requires that the tenant directly pay assessments, such as the proposed assessment.		
I declare under penalty of perjury that this declare, 2006, at	aration made this day of , California, is true and correct.	
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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASED ASSESSMENT TO FUND ROAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES WITHIN COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 36, FOREST GLEN, ZONE A COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 51, HOPKINS GULCH

#### (SUMMARY)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, May 23,2006, during the morning agenda (which begins at 9:00 a.m.), in the Board Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Room 525, Santa Cruz, California, to consider the adoption of proposed resolutions authorizing and levying increased assessments in compliance with Proposition 218 ("The Taxpayers Right to Vote Initiative") for the purpose of providing funding for road maintenance and operation services within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone **A**, and County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch.

Proposition 218, which was approved by the voters at the November 1996 general election, includes provisions that an increased benefit assessment to provide road maintenance and operation services can only be charged if it is approved by at least half of the votes cast by the property owners (or tenants who are directly liable for paying the proposed assessments) with the votes weighted according to the amount of the proposed assessment of each parcel. In accordance with Proposition 218, assessment ballots have been mailed to all record owners of parcels which would be subject to the proposed assessment. The Board of Supervisors will receive assessment ballots and any protests to the proposed assessment proceedings or assessments until the close of the public hearing on May 23,2006.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, Ballot Procedure, and Sample Ballot for an Assessment to Provide Funding for Road Maintenance and Operation Services within County Service Area No. 36, Forest Glen, Zone A, and County Service Area No. 51, Hopkins Gulch, the Engineer's Reports, and the Balloting Rules are available at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, California.

Note: The public may attend the public hearing and/or comment on this matter. Testimony may be presented in person or submitted in written form prior to the hearing and made a part of the hearing record.

The County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Questions regarding accommodation under the ADA should be directed to the Clerk of the Board at (831)454-2323.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS By: Gail Borkowski, Chief Deputy Clerk

