INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTED ORDER

1. William Everett, Karen Kiefer, and Patricia Landis are the Real Parties in Interest and are the listed Proponents of the Citizens’ Initiative to Repeal and Replace Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Benefit Fee (the “Citizens’ Initiative”). (Exhibit A)

2. The purpose of the Citizens’ Initiative is to repeal a Benefit Fee approved by Voters in 1984 and to replace it with an annual benefit fee more consistent with current expenses, and to raise the level of service for emergency medical response, fire suppression and related services within the boundaries of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District.
3. The Real Parties in Interest submitted Petition signatures to the Respondent, County of San Diego Registrar of Voters, for signature verification (California Elections Code 9309). On May 11, 2018, Respondent, Registrar of Voters of San Diego County, certified that the Citizens’ Initiative qualified with the sufficient number of signatures of the Registered Voters in the District. A minimum of 228 signatures was required; the Respondent validated 269 signatures.

4. Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Board of Directors admitted they “inadvertently overlooked” their duty (pursuant to California Elections Code § 9310) to:
   (1) adopt the ordinance, without alteration, either at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented; or
   (2) submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters.

5. To correct their failure, the Board of Directors of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District adopted RESOLUTION No. 2018-5 (“Resolution”): (Exhibit B)
   “Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District calling and providing for a Special District Election on November 6, 2018, for the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters a Measure to Increase the Existing Annual Benefit Fee Approved in 1984; Requesting Consolidation of this Special District Election with the November 6, 2018, statewide General Election; Directing and authorizing additional steps necessary to Place the Measure on the Ballot; and Providing Notice to County Clerk of Measure Submitted to Voters.”

6. Over Real Parties in Interests’ objections, Petitioner, Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District has and continues to make alteration to the Citizens’ Initiative within their recent Resolution No. 2018-5 in substantive ways, and has made multiple statements (as exemplified in the highlighted portions of Exhibits A and B hereto) that portends to allow or grant it a right to affect the Citizens’ Initiative, including making additional alterations of the Ballot Measure and language that are believe to be in the interests of the Board President and District. The following are examples of legally irregular and inappropriate changes, and attempted changes:
(a) The Resolution included a paragraph, subsequently struck from the Resolution, that appears to have the intent of requiring approval of two-thirds of the electorate, which is not applicable to a Citizens’ Initiative, to wit:

“WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance increases an existing tax and Article XIII, section 2(d) of the California Constitution provides that a local government may not impose, extend or increase a special tax unless it is submitted to the electorate and approved by a two-thirds vote.”

(b) The Resolution also includes the following statement:

“If passed, the amount of money raised would be approximately at $0.350 million annually. The tax would continue until repealed or replaced. The District is required by law to include in the statement of the measure to be voted on estimates of the amount of money to be raised annually. Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that such information is based upon the District’s projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District.”

The Real Parties in Interest wish to point out that this paragraph is a substantive alteration of the Citizens’ Initiative. The Citizens’ Initiative, states:

“Section 12. The sole purpose of the levy of this special tax on parcels of real property within the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is to provide revenue on behalf of the District for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing fire protection and emergency medical service. If, at any time in the future after the approval and implementation of this Initiative, the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is dissolved, voluntarily or through any other legal action, this benefit fee shall terminate on the corresponding date that the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is legally determined to be dissolved.”

(c) The Resolution further states:

“Section 8: The Board President, or his designee, are hereby authorized to execute any other documents and to perform any and all acts necessary to place the Initiative on the ballot, including making alterations to the ballot language, and to this Resolution, to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Board President, in the best interests of the District.”

Again, the Board of Directors of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District reserves the right to affect the Citizens’ Initiative by “making alterations to the ballot language”.
(d) The Resolution and the proposed/submitted Ballot language presented to this Court in omits a material provision of the Citizens’ Initiative to which the voters need to be made aware and vote on, to wit:

“The tax imposed by this initiative shall be subject to an exemption for owners of single-family residential units in which they reside whose combined family income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, is at or below the income level qualifying as “very low-income” for a family of such size under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. §§ 1437 et seq.), for such year. Owners who qualify for this exemption shall be taxed at $50.00 per parcel.”

The Real Parties in Interest contend this substantive exemption needs to be presented to the voters in the substantial abbreviated form as provided in the Citizens’ Initiative.

7. Petitioner, Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District, seeks to remedy its failure to comply with Elections Code § 9310 by commanding Respondent, Michael Vu, in his capacity as the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, to place the voters’ duly qualified Citizens’ Initiative to Repeal and Replace Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Benefit Fee on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election. The Real Parties in Interest concur with Petitioner’s request for a writ of mandate so long as the language and intent of the Citizens’ Initiative is not altered in any way. In order to do so, Real Parties in Interest request that appropriate language be placed in the Order and Judgment of this Court as proposed in Paragraph 10 below.

8. The Real Parties in Interest seek to confirm that this is a Citizens’ Initiative proposed in accordance with Article II, Section 8, of the Constitution of the State of California, and this Court has not reviewed and is not rendering any ruling or order whether this Initiative is a special tax, benefit, or assessment under State Laws.

9. Petitioner has not provided Real Parties in Interest a copy of the proposed ballot language and impartial statement as intimated by Petitioner in its ex parte application at page 6, lines 21-26, and as purportedly required by Elections Code § 13119, section (c). Real Parties in Interest have concern, as should this Court, that the Citizens’ Initiative cannot and shall not be substantively altered in any manner or effect, and Real Parties in Interest and this Court should
have had a chance to review the Ballot Language in association with this Writ Petition.
Therefore, having the opportunity to review the proposed Ballot Language set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of Resolution No. 2018-05, Real Parties in Interest request and submit that said language and form shall be the content and language submitted to the voters as required by Elections Code § 13119, sections (a) & (c), and this Court should Order the same.

10. The Real Parties in Interest, Proponents of the Citizens’ Initiative, hereby concur with the general purpose and Petitioner’s PRAYER FOR RELIEF that this Court issue its alternative and peremptory writ of mandamus commanding the Respondent to place the Citizens’ Initiative to Repeal and Replace Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District Benefit Fee on the ballot, without alteration, for the November 6, 2018 election, and that any and all Orders and Judgments issuing from this Court contain the following:

(a) Any discrepancy or change or difference between the Citizens’ Initiative and Resolution No. 2018-05, other than the placing and stating an obligatory revenue generation estimates, the Citizens Initiative shall control;

(b) The full text of the Citizens’ Initiative shall appear in the November 6, 2018 ballot pamphlet;

(c) The words and phrase “and would be automatically terminated if the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is dissolved” shall be amended and added to the Ballot Measure so that the sentence reads in full: “The tax would continue until repealed or replaced and would be automatically terminated if the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is dissolved,” as amended to the Ballot Language set forth in the last paragraph of Section 3 of Resolution No. 2018-05;

(d) The stated and provided Ballot Language set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of Resolution No. 2018-05 (Exhibit B), would be acceptable by Real Parties in Interest to be the complete Ballot Measure (in lieu of the entire 2-page Initiative), with the exception that the following wording shall be added to the stated Ballot Measure Language in the location it is found in the Citizens’ Initiative:
“The tax imposed by this initiative shall be subject to an exemption for owners of single-family residential units in which they reside whose combined family income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, is at or below the income level qualifying as “very low-income” for a family of such size under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. §§ 1437 et seq.), for such year. Owners who qualify for this exemption shall be taxed at $50.00 per parcel.”

(e) The Court has not reviewed and is not rendering any ruling or order whether the Citizens’ Initiative is a special tax, benefit, or assessment under State Laws and the percentage of votes needed for passage.

DATED: August 28, 2018

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William Everett, Real Party in Interest

DATED: August 28, 2018

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Karen Kiefer, Real Party in Interest

DATED: August 28, 2018

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Patricia Landis, Real Party in Interest
EXHIBIT A

CITIZENS’ INITIATIVE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE
JULIAN-CUYAMACA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BENEFIT FEE

CITIZENS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JULIAN-CUYAMACA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ARE PROPOSING FOR ADOPTION THE REPEAL OF THE EXISTING ANNUAL BENEFIT FEE APPROVED IN 1984, AND ITS REPLACEMENT WITH AN ANNUAL BENEFIT FEE MORE CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT EXPENSES, TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE, FIRE SUPPRESSION AND RELATED SERVICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JULIAN-CUYAMACA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Citizens of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District propose as follows:

Section 1. It is the purpose and intent of this initiative to authorize the levy of a special tax on parcels of real property on the secured property tax roll of San Diego County that are within the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District (the "District"), to raise revenue for the District for the purpose of providing and enhancing necessary fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services. Specifically, the special benefit tax shall be imposed for the purpose of staffing the District with a full-time Fire Chief and adding personnel deemed necessary to reduce the time in responding to structure fires and medical emergencies. These fees will also bring revenue into line with current costs and replenish the District’s general reserves for operational expenses.

Section 2. The citizens within the District do hereby determine and propose for adoption the repeal and replacement of the annual Benefit Fee approved by voters on November 6, 1984, with a new annual Benefit Fee for emergency medical response, fire suppression and related services within the boundaries of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District, to be levied upon parcel, class of improvement to property, and use of property basis, in an amount not to exceed the following:

(a) Parcels with existing construction shall be taxed according to the following schedule:

(1) Improved Property: Every parcel within the District with a Single (1) Unit (single family residence or commercial structure): $200.00

(2) Improved Property: Every parcel within the District with Two (2) Units (residential or commercial): $250.00

(3) Improved Property: Every parcel within the District with Three to Ten (3-10) Units: $300.00

(4) Improved Property: Every parcel within the District with More than Ten (>10) Units: $350.00

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RESPONSE BY REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE
(b) Separate parcels attached to a parcel containing a Unit shall be assessed as Vacant Land.

(c) Vacant parcels shall be taxed according to the following schedule:

1. Vacant Land: Each parcel within the District containing less than one (0.99) acres, without a Unit: $2.00
2. Vacant Land: Each parcel within the District containing one to five (1-5) acres, without a Unit: $20.00
3. Vacant Land: Each parcel within the District containing 5.1 to 10 acres, without a Unit: $30.00
4. Vacant Land: Each parcel within the District containing greater than ten (>10) acres, without a Unit: $50.00

Section 3. Cost of Living Increase. The fee imposed by this initiative shall be subject to an annual cost-of-living increase that is based on the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County area, determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The maximum increase for each year shall not exceed three percent (3%).

Section 4. Low-Income Homeowner Exemption. The tax imposed by this initiative shall be subject to an exemption for owners of single-family residential units in which they reside whose combined family income, from all sources for the previous calendar year, is at or below the income level qualifying as “very low-income” for a family of such size under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. §§ 1437 et seq.), for such year. Owners who qualify for this exemption shall be taxed at $50.00 per parcel. The application process will be in the form of self-certification under penalty of perjury. Owners must apply for the exemption provided for in this section annually by petition to the Fire Chief of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District in the manner and at the time set forth by the Fire Chief. Such petitions shall be on forms provided by the Fire Chief and shall provide such information as the Fire Chief may require.

Section 5. Such charges shall be charged to any parcel, improvement, and use of property to which fire protection services may be made available, whether or not such fire protection service is actually used upon such parcel, improvement, or use of property except such tax shall not be imposed upon a federal or state governmental agency or other local agency.

Section 6. The Citizens of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District do hereby propose that the appropriations limit of the District established under Article XIIIB of the California Constitution shall be increased by the amount collected by the levy of this special tax in accordance with the applicable requirements of state law.

Section 7. Pursuant to Government Code Section 53724(c), the special benefit tax proposed by this initiative shall be submitted to the voters within the boundaries of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District in conjunction with the statewide general election to be held on November 6, 2018. The ballot initiative shall be worded as provided by agreement of the voters of the District.

Section 8. If adopted by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the voters, the special tax shall be collected in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as assessments and other revenues collected for the District by the County of San Diego.
Section 9. If the initiative is approved, the special benefit taxes shall not exceed the maximum charges set forth in Section 2 hereof.

Section 10. Accountability Measures.

(a) Account. Upon the levy and collection of the tax authorized by this initiative, an account shall be created into which the proceeds of the tax will be deposited. The proceeds of the tax authorized by this initiative shall be applied only to the specific purposes identified in this initiative.

(b) Annual Report. An annual report that complies with the requirements of Government Code Section 50075.3 shall be filed with the District Board of Directors no later than January 1 of each year in which the tax is levied.

Section 11. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9141(a)(3), and California Supreme Court Opinion S234148 dated August 28, 2017, this initiative shall be considered adopted and go into effect if this initiative is approved by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote of the voters.

Section 12. The sole purpose of the levy of this special tax on parcels of real property within the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is to provide revenue on behalf of the District for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing fire protection and emergency medical service. If, at any time in the future after the approval and implementation of this Initiative, the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is dissolved, voluntarily or through any other legal action, this benefit fee shall terminate on the corresponding date that the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District is legally determined to be dissolved.

Section 13. If any portion of this initiative shall be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable, the other provisions of this initiative shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 14. The special benefit tax proposed by this initiative shall have no effect upon Proposition S, commonly known as the Benefit Fee for Construction of a New Fire Station and maintenance of District’s real property, passed by the voters of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District on November 7, 2006.

Section 15. Definitions. The term “fire protection services” includes both fire protection and emergency medical services.

Statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in said petition is as follows:

The revenue from the proposed benefit fee will provide sufficient funds to raise the level of fire and emergency medical services to residents and visitors within the District by hiring a Full-time Fire Chief, paying the increased operational expenses of the fire district, replenishing the general reserves that were diminished by costs associated with building the new fire station, adding staff (e.g., paramedic firefighters) and providing stipends to volunteers and reserve firefighters as deemed appropriate and voted for by the Board of Directors of Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District.

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EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION No. 2018-05
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JULIAN-CUYAMACA
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL
DISTRICT ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A MEASURE TO INCREASE THE EXISTING
ANNUAL BENEFIT FEE APPROVED IN 1984; REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF
THIS SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 STATEWIDE
GENERAL ELECTION; DIRECTING AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL STEPS
NECESSARY TO PLACE THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT; AND PROVIDING NOTICE
TO COUNTY CLERK OF MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

WHEREAS, the Proponents of the Petition for the Initiative To Repeal Of The Existing
Annual Benefit Fee Approved In 1984, And Its Replacement With An Annual Benefit Fee More
Consistent With Current Expenses (the "Initiative"), circulated the Initiative among the voters of the
District for signatures;

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Initiative states that: "It is the purpose and intent of this initiative
to authorize the levy of a special tax on parcels of real property on the secured property tax roll
of San Diego County that are within the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District [the
"District"], to raise revenue for the District for the purpose of providing and enhancing
necessary fire protection, prevention and emergency medical services. Specifically, the special
benefit tax shall be imposed for the purpose of staffing the District with a full-time Fire Chief
and adding personnel deemed necessary to reduce the time in responding to structure fires and
medical emergencies. These fees will also bring revenue into line with current costs and
replenish the District's general reserves for operational expenses"; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2018, the Proponents of the Initiative submitted petition signatures to
the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters for signature verification pursuant to Elections
Code section 9309; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2018 the Registrar of Voters certified that the initiative petition
qualified with the sufficient number of signatures with a total of 228 signatures of the Registered Voters in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors must either: adopt the ordinance, without alteration or
submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to the Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance increases an existing tax and Article XIII, section 2(d) of
the California Constitution provides that a local government may not impose, extend or increase
a special tax unless it is submitted to the electorate and approved by a two-thirds vote.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1: The Board hereby orders an election and submits the question of whether to raise the District's benefit fee to the electors.

Section 2: Pursuant to the Elections Code, an election shall be held within the boundaries of the District on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the Initiative presented to voters in the substantially similar format:

| Shall the annual Benefit Fee within the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District be repealed and replaced with a new annual Benefit Fee, subject to an annual cost-of-living increase, to provide emergency medical response, fire suppression, and related services? |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Yes                                             | No        |

Section 3: The ballot shall also include the following language:

This measure would repeal of the existing annual benefit fee, and implement a new annual benefit fee more consistent with current expenses, to raise the level of service for emergency medical response, fire suppression and related services within the boundaries of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District.

Parcels with existing construction would be taxed according to the following schedule:

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- c. Improved Property: Every parcel within the District with Three to Ten (3-10) Units: $300.00
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Separate parcels attached to a parcel containing a Unit shall be assessed as Vacant Land. Vacant parcels shall be taxed according to the following schedule:

- a. Each parcel within the District containing less than one (0-.99) acres, without a Unit: $2.00
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c. Each parcel within the District containing greater than ten (>10) acres, without a Unit: $50.00

The fee imposed by this initiative is subject to an annual cost-of-living increase that is based on the Consumer Price Index for San Diego County area, determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The maximum increase for each year shall not exceed three percent (3%).

If passed, the amount of money raised would be approximately at $0.350 million annually. The tax would continue until repealed or replaced. The District is required by law to include in the statement of the measure to be voted on estimates of the amount of money to be raised annually. Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that such information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which are not binding upon the District.

Section 6: The Board hereby requests that the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Diego to consolidate the above election called and ordered to be held on November 6, 2018 with any other election that may be held on that date, Section 5: The Board hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego, California to permit the Registrar of Voters of San Diego County to render to the District such services as the District may request relating to the conduct of the above-described Election with respect to the following matters: Coordination of election precincts, polling places, voting booths, voting systems and election officers; Printing and mailing of voter pamphlets; Preparation of tabulation of result of votes cast,

Section 7: The Board is hereby directing the Financial Administrative Officer of the District to cause certified copies of this Resolution and Order to be delivered not later than August 22, 2018, to the County Superintendent, the San Diego County Registrar of Voters ("Registrar"), and the Clerk of the Board of the Supervisors of San Diego County ("Board of Supervisors").

Section 8: The Board President, or his designee, are hereby authorized to execute any other documents and to perform any and all acts necessary to place the Initiative on the ballot, including making alterations to the ballot language, and this Resolution, to comply with requirements of law and election officials or which are, in the judgment of the Board President, in the best interests of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District, County of San Diego, State of California on August 21, 2018, by the following vote of the members thereof;

AYES: Kirsten Starlin, Aida Tucker, Jack Shelver, Buddy Siefert, Brian Kramer
NOS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
ATTEST: Marcia Spahr, Financial Administrative Officer,
Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District