

# Southern Marin Fire Protection District: Community Priorities Survey Highlights

Survey Conducted: June 25-July 2, 2018



#### **Overview and Research Objectives**

The Southern Marin Fire Protection District commissioned FM3 Research to conduct a survey of local voters with the following research objectives:

- Gauge satisfaction with the District's provision of services
- Gauge resident views on the District's fiscal management
- Determine resident priorities and support for a hypothetical local funding measure



#### **Survey Methodology**

-413 telephone and online interviews with voters in the Southern Marin Fire Protection District likely to cast a ballot in November 2018

Interviews conducted June 25-July 2, 2018

Interviews online, on landlines and cell phones

-Margin of sampling error of +/- 4.9% at the 95% confidence level

-Some percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding

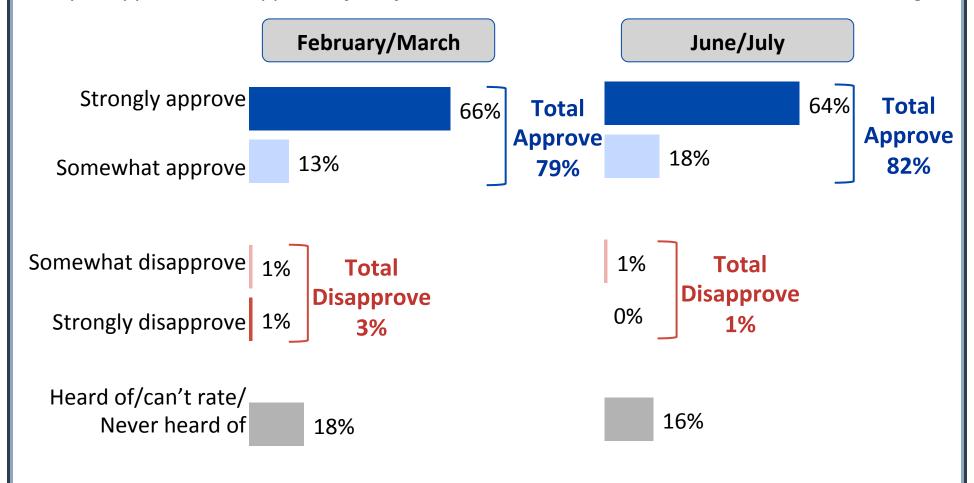




# Attitudes Toward the District

#### Views of the District continue to be positive.

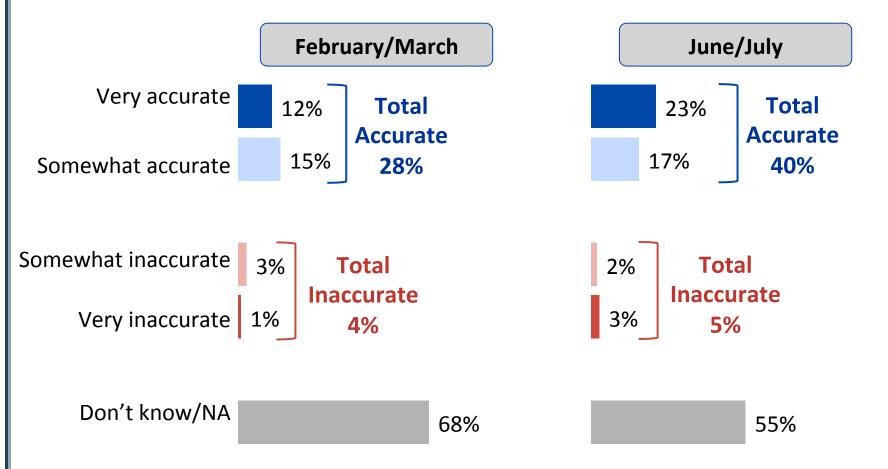
Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Southern Marin Fire Protection District is doing?





### More residents now feel the District's finances are well-managed.

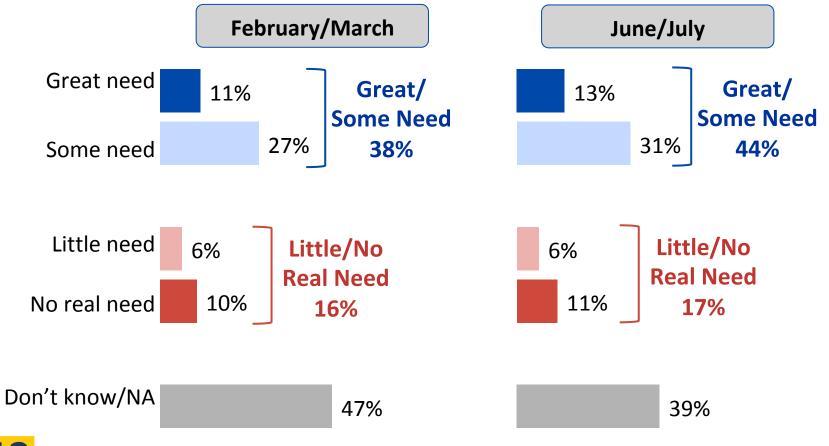
Some people have said that, "The Southern Marin Fire Protection District's finances are generally well managed." Do you think this statement is accurate or inaccurate?





## There has also been a slight increase in the perception of need for funding.

Would you say that to provide and maintain fire and emergency medical services, the Southern Marin Fire Protection District has a great need for additional funding, some need, a little need, or no real need for additional funding?







# Gauging Interest in Local Funding

#### **Gauging Interest in Local Funding**

- The survey also gauged interest in local funding
- The survey tested one conceptual local funding measure



#### **Conceptual Ballot Measure Tested**

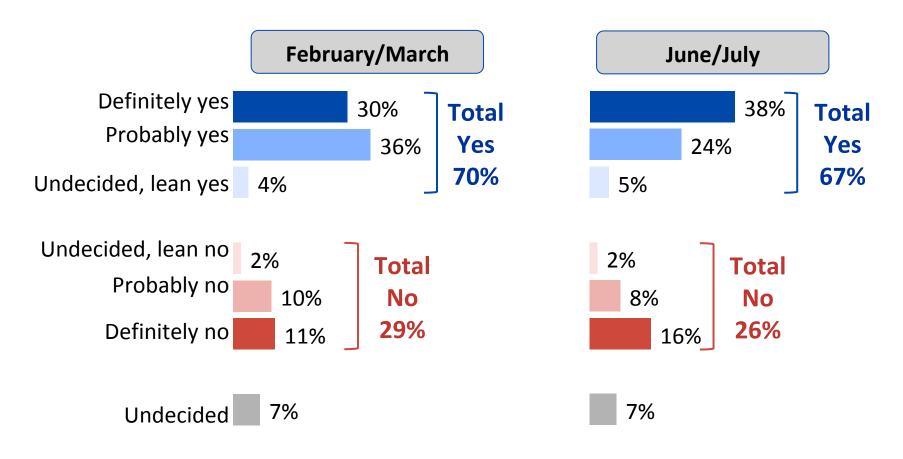
SOUTHERN MARIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION MEASURE.

- Maintain local emergency medical/fire protection services;
- Improve the ability to react to and contain wildland fires;
- Attract and retain qualified professional paramedics and firefighters; and
- Maintain high cardiac and stroke survivability standards, and 911 fire response times;

Shall Southern Marin Fire Protection District establish a \$200 annual parcel tax to maintain local funding, providing three million dollars annually, until ended by voters, with citizen oversight, independent audits, all funds staying local?



### Total support is slightly lower than in February, but the intensity of support has increased.







#### Conclusion

#### **Conclusions**

- General impressions of the District remain positive
- More residents perceive that the District has managed local finances in a responsible manner
- Slightly more residents perceive that the district needs additional funding
- Residents remain supportive of a potential local funding measure



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