



# Ripon Consolidated Fire District

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## News Release

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### **Proposition 218 Update**

On Thursday, August 8, 2024, the Ripon Consolidated Fire District held its final public hearing and counted ballots for Proposition 218, a measure proposing the formation of a fire suppression assessment. After a thorough counting process, the results were announced during the district's monthly board meeting at Fire Station 1.

Unfortunately, the proposition did not pass, with 54.9% of ballots opposed and 45.1% in favor. A total of 2017 ballots were cast, out of over 7000 distributed to eligible voters (parcel owners).

"We want to extend our sincere gratitude to the community volunteers who assisted with the ballot-counting process, and to the property owners who engaged in this important decision," said a district spokesperson. "Although the outcome is disappointing, we remain committed to protecting our community and providing quality firefighting services. We will continue to be transparent as we navigate the difficult challenges ahead."

The district appreciates the active participation of all who attended the public hearings, asked questions, and cast their votes. The input received during this entire process will be valuable as the district explores alternative solutions to ensure sustainable fire protection services.

The Ripon Consolidated Fire District will provide ongoing updates to the community, including information on any service disruptions. The district thanks all who took part in this process and looks forward to continuing to serve the Ripon community.