

FULL TEXT

SPECIAL TAX AUTHORIZATION

By approval of this proposition by at least two-thirds of the registered voters voting on the proposition, the District will be authorized to levy a special tax of \$34 per parcel for four years for the purpose of financing programs identified below under the heading “STATEMENT OF PURPOSES”, subject to all the accountability requirements specified below. A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the San Mateo County Assessor’s Office.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this proposition in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. As required by the laws of the State of California, the proceeds of the special tax will be deposited into a special account established by the District and will be applied only to the specific purposes identified below. The District has covenanted to have on file with its governing board no later than January 1 of each year a report stating the amount of the funds collected and expended and the status of any project authorized to be funded.

In addition, the governing board of the District will appoint a Citizens’ Oversight Committee with responsibility to review the expenditures of the District from the special tax to ensure the special tax is expended for authorized purposes, and to prepare an annual report to the District and the public concerning the expenditure of the special tax proceeds.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The statement shown below is a part of the ballot proposition and must be reproduced in any official document required to contain the full statement of the proposition.

The proceeds of the special tax will be expended to finance the payment of costs and expenses of the District that are designed to achieve the following purposes. The specific purposes of the special tax are described as follows:

- Preserving job training programs in nursing, healthcare, computers, engineering, green technology (such as solar and wind energy), police and firefighting;
- Maintaining core academics, including Science, English, Mathematics;
- Keeping libraries open and maintaining library services;
- Preparing students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities;

- Maintaining academic counseling programs and other student services to promote student achievement, graduation and access to high-paying jobs;
- Attracting and retaining qualified instructors;
- Providing modern classroom technology and computer labs for students;
- Providing equipment and technology for science labs; and
- Restoring funding to offer an adequate numbers of classes and labs to meet growing student demand.

SENIOR EXEMPTION

In order to provide tax relief to senior citizens in the community, any parcel owned and occupied as a principal residence by a person 65 years of age or older shall be exempt from the levy of the special tax upon proper application to the District. The exemption shall be available pursuant to procedures to be prescribed by the District or otherwise as required by law or by the San Mateo County Tax Collector.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees of the District hereby declares, and the voters by approving this measure concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this measure has independent value, and the Board of Trustees and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.