Argument Against Cabrillo Unified School District $150 Parcel Tax - Measure __

Cabrillo Unified School District used 2010’s state budget crisis to persuade us to pass the existing $150 parcel tax, promising the burden would end in 2015. Promise broken! The crisis is over, yet we’re still paying the tax and they’re already asking to keep it. They want it to last another 5 years!

Homeowners already feel the pinch of the downturn and inflation. San Francisco and San Mateo counties tie for least affordable in the state — with only 17% of people able to buy homes there (California Association of Realtors). With San Mateo County’s official unemployment rate rose since December, and the real rate — counting people who have stopped looking for work — is even higher. Measure __ will increase everyone’s housing cost (except the few senior homeowners who remember, annually, to file for their exemption), hurting the unemployed the worst. Remember: Renters’ costs rise when their landlords’ costs rise.

Consider:

Student enrollment: 3,324 in year 2012-13 / 3,317 in 2011-12 Virtually flat
Number of teachers: 148 in year 2011-12 / 159 in 2010-11 Down 6.91%

In 2010, they promised the tax was going to “retain qualified teachers,” yet the number of teachers has declined. Did only unqualified teachers leave?

With fewer teachers, shouldn’t expenses be down? Doesn’t matter: the District wants more money — while enrollment is virtually flat.

Cabrillo Unified School District says these funds won’t go for administration. Another empty promise: Any funds generated outside this parcel tax can simply be shifted to administration — without limit. Don’t be fooled by this shell game.

Everywhere, families’ budgets are sinking — why not also at Cabrillo Unified School District?

Cabrillo Unified School District already spends $10,318/year per student. That’s over 1/4 million dollars for a class of 25!

Teach Cabrillo Unified School District’s board to be financially responsible: Vote NO on Measure __.

For more information, please visit www.SVTaxpayers.org/2014-06-cabrillo-bsd-parcel-tax.
Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

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Ballot Measure __________ for the ______ PRIMARY ______ to be held on June 3, 2014

☐ Primary Argument in Favor of  ☑ Primary Argument Against

This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)

☐ The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District
   If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.
   Governing Body:
   Contact Person’s Printed Name: ____________________________  Contact Person’s Signature: ____________________________
   Title: ____________________________
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   Name of Association/Organization: ____________________________
   Principal Officer’s Printed Name and Title: ____________________________  Principal Officer’s Signature: ____________________________
   Contact Person’s Printed Name: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________
   Phone: ____________________________  Fax: ____________________________

☐ Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure
   Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.
   Contact Person: ____________________________  Phone: ____________________________
   Mailing Address: ____________________________
   Fax: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

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