

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS

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**SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
QUALIFIED SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT
FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
MEASURE A**

A To maintain existing school programs and improve the quality of education; to provide funds to buy updated textbooks and materials for math, reading, and writing courses; and to enhance critical computer science, library, and arts programs, shall the Shoreline Unified School District extend the existing \$120 a year parcel tax, increasing annually at 4%, for no more than six years?

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FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION NO. 30
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**RESOLUTION NO. 30
RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL TAX
ELECTION, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF
THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING
CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, a high quality, free and community-supported elementary and secondary public school system is essential to the preservation and growth of a strong, stable and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, the ability of society's political, social and economic institutions to adapt and effectively function in a world of rapid change depends upon an informed and well-educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS, a high-quality local public school program is vital to a community's well-being because among other effects, it fosters growth of the greatest natural human resource any society can have - the minds of its youth, it strengthens the ability of its younger members to cope successfully in a competitive society, it preserves and enhances real property values, it promotes civic pride and participation in community affairs, it reinforces traditional moral values, it increases individual awareness of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship in a participatory system of government, and because it attracts to the community new members who share these goals; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Unified School District is a small rural district which in serving a large geographic area must maintain a number of facilities which results in unique operational costs; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Shoreline Unified School District to provide a rich, fully integrated and comprehensive academic program for students through the hiring of qualified personnel and the purchase of equipment and material as recommended by each School Site Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code sections 50075, 50076, 50077, 50079 and 53720 et seq. authorize school districts to levy a special tax to raise funds for the purpose of conducting its business upon the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting upon such a special tax proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Unified School District Board of Trustees explicitly recognizes that it may not impose an ad valorem

real property tax to meet its special needs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Governing Board of the Shoreline Unified School District to conduct an election to maintain and expand school programs on November 7, 2000, at which time the registered voters of the Shoreline Unified School District will be given an opportunity to vote on a qualified special tax assessment; and

WHEREAS, the General Election will take place on November 7, 2000, and it is the desire of the governing board of the Shoreline Unified School District that this election to maintain and expand school programs be consolidated with the General Election, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Board of the SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT as follows:

Section 1. An election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the Shoreline Unified School District to maintain and expand school programs, and is requested to be consolidated with the General Election to be held on November 7, 2000. The following measure shall be submitted to the registered voters within the Shoreline Unified School District at this election:

Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the Shoreline Unified School District at which election shall be submitted to the qualified voters within the Shoreline Unified School District the following measure, to wit:

MEASURE A

To maintain existing school programs and improve the quality of education; to provide funds to buy updated textbooks and materials for math, reading, and writing courses; and to enhance critical computer science, library, and arts programs, shall the Shoreline Unified School District extend the existing \$120 a year parcel tax, increasing annually at 4%, for no more than six years?

The parcel tax revenue shall be allocated to provide a rich, fully integrated and comprehensive academic program for students through the hiring of qualified personnel and the purchase of equipment and material as recommended by each School Site Council in the following areas:

LIBRARY PROGRAM
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MUSIC
ART
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
CLASSROOM AIDES
COUNSELING
DRAMA
FIELD TRIPS
INDUSTRIAL ARTS/COOKING
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SUPPORT OTHER ACADEMIC/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

(not to exceed 10% of the total parcel tax revenue)

Section 2. The revenue derived from this qualified special tax assessment to maintain and expand school programs shall be used solely and exclusively for the purposes set forth above.

Section 3. If any provision of this section or of any other section of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this section or of any other section of this Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provision of this section and other sections of this Resolution are severable.

Section 4. The text of the measure as displayed on each individual ballot shall be abbreviated and shall read as follows:

**SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALIFIED
SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

"To maintain existing school programs and improve the quality of education; to provide funds to buy updated textbooks and materials for math, reading, and writing courses; and to enhance critical computer science, library, and arts programs, shall the Shoreline Unified School District extend the existing \$120 a year parcel tax, increasing annually at 4%, for no more than six years?"

_____ YES

_____ NO

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Section 5. Commencing on July 1, 2001, the special tax collected annually on all assessor's parcels at the rate specified above, shall be collected and administered in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes are fixed and collected under provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Section 6. The Marin County and Sonoma County Boards of Supervisors are hereby requested and authorized to consolidate this election with any elections to be held on this same date. The County Clerks are hereby requested and authorized to: 1) set forth all sample ballots relating to said election to be mailed to the qualified electors of the Shoreline Unified School District; and 2) to provide absent voter ballots for said special tax election for use by qualified electors of the Shoreline Unified School District who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by Law.

Section 7. The Clerk of the Shoreline Unified School District Governing Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this Resolution and to transmit a copy hereof so certified to the Election offices of Marin and Sonoma Counties.

The foregoing Resolution was moved by Board Member Jim Lino, seconded by Board Member Eileen Jensen and adopted by roll-call vote on June 22, 2000, by the following vote:

Board Member Spirito Ballatore	Aye
Board Member Tim Furlong	Aye
Board Member Eileen Jensen	Aye
Board Member James Lino	Aye
Board Member Jim Love	Absent
Board Member Augusto Conde	Aye
Board Member Clairette Wilson	Aye

AYES: 6 NOES: 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: 1

WHEREUPON, the President declared the foregoing Resolution duly adopted and SO ORDERED.

s/ Clairette C. Wilson
President, Board of Trustees

CERTIFIED

s/ Eileen C. Jensen
Clerk, Board of Trustees

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL MEASURE A

If this Measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the SHORELINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT will be authorized to extend collection of an existing \$120 a year parcel tax, increasing annually at 4%, for a period of six years. The Measure specifies that the proceeds of the parcel tax are to be used for the purposes set forth in the Measure to maintain existing school programs, purchase textbooks, and enhance computer science, library and arts programs.

Dated: August 14, 2000

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
Marin County Counsel

Dated August 30, 2000

STEVEN WOODSIDE
Sonoma County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Our community has wisely supported a local parcel tax since 1984. This support has enabled the Shoreline Unified School District to maintain quality programs in the areas of school libraries, art, drama, music, foreign language, counseling, and technology. Your parcel tax has also helped to continue supporting the hiring of classroom aides where needed. The purchase of current textbooks and materials to enhance math, reading, and writing courses have also been supported by the previous parcel taxes.

Measure A will allow the community's students to continue receiving services and instruction in these areas, along with continuing specialty programs that enrich their total education experience.

The programs that are supported by Measure A can only be maintained by the continuation of this Parcel Tax. These important programs cannot be maintained through the general budget.

As the challenges of maintaining, a strong quality public education for our community's children continue to build, so does the importance of maintaining these important programs. Our children must be able to compete in a very demanding world. These programs help give students a well-rounded quality education. A balanced education is critical in order for students to develop into educated and contributing members of our society.

Remember, Measure A in a continuation of the support the community has given to its schools since 1984. Please continue this important support by voting YES on MEASURE A.

s/ Eileen C. Jensen, Registered Nurse

s/ Tim Kehoe, Dairyman

s/ Tim Furlong, Contractor

s/ Carol J. Friedman, Community Center Director

s/ Michael Whitt, Physician

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE
WAS SUBMITTED**

END OF MEASURE A

