

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

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TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX RENEWAL TO MAINTAIN QUALITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SERVICES MEASURE G

G To maintain quality public high school education including small class sizes and exceptional instructional programs in Belvedere, Bolinas, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Greenbrae, Kentfield, Larkspur, Marin City, Mill Valley, Nicasio, Ross, San Anselmo, San Geronimo, Sausalito, Stinson and Tiburon, shall Tamalpais Union High School District be authorized to renew a parcel tax for 7 years commencing July 1, 2005, at the current rate plus an annual 3% increase (\$199.97 - tax year 2005 - 2006), with an exemption for parcels owned and occupied by persons 65 and older?

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TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MARIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION #31

Specifications of the election order

7/12/04

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has failed to provide adequate funding to the Tamalpais Union High School District, and as a result of this lack of financial support for the schools (Redwood, Tamalpais, Sir Francis Drake, San Andreas and Tamiscal) the District has been and will be forced to reduce or eliminate important programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the voters of the District authorized a parcel tax which expires on June 30, 2005 at \$194.15 per parcel; and

WHEREAS, without a renewed authorization by the voters for the parcel tax, and immediate and substantial reduction and elimination of educational programs and services will be necessary which will have a severe negative impact on the students of the District; and

WHEREAS, the voters in the District have consistently supported the District's quality education program with approval of parcel taxes for school operations and bonds for school modernization; and

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to generate funds for the educational program, including lobbying in the State Legislature, supporting local fund-raising efforts and seeking grants from foundations and governmental agencies, and has initiated economic and operational efficiencies for beneficial and necessary resource maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a thorough and well-developed high school public education program delivers many long-lasting benefits and advantages to all the residents of our community; and a high quality community-directed school system favorably impacts property values which is vital to the overall well-being of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Sections 50075, 50077, 50079, and 53720 et seq. authorizes a school district to levy a parcel 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Tamalpais Union High School District conduct a special election on November 2, 2004, to be consolidated with the regularly scheduled election on that date, to submit to the qualified voters of the Tamalpais Union High School District a measure to authorize a parcel tax for the purpose of continuing vital programs critical to the education of the District's students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the Tamalpais Union High School District, to submit to the qualified voters, the following measure, to wit:

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The parcel tax shall maintain the following programs and services:

- Small class sizes
- Comprehensive academic programs, including
 - English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Visual and Performing Arts, Applied Technologies/Computer Science and Physical Education
 - Advanced Placement and/or honors opportunities in core and elective subject areas
 - Seven period academic schedules available for all students
 - Graduation requirements and standards which exceed those of the state
 - Academic counseling and student support services, including college and school-to-work/career programs
 - Alternative school programs for at-risk students
- Commitment to attract and retain highly qualified and experienced staff
- Acquisition of equipment and supplies supporting the instructional program
 - Science and computer lab equipment
 - Textbooks and classroom supplies, materials and equipment
 - Library books and other reference media
 - Physical education and athletic equipment

The parcel tax for each assessor's parcel will be renewed at the current amount of \$194.15 per year plus a 3% annual adjustment for a total of \$199.97 commencing July 1, 2005. An exemption for the assessment will be made available to each individual in the District who will attain the age of 65 years prior to May 1 of the assessment year, who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, who uses this parcel as his or her principal place of residence and who applies to the District on or before May 1, 2005 or May 1 of any succeeding assessment year. Any one application from a qualified applicant will provide an exemption for the parcel for the remaining term of the assessment so long as such applicant continues to use the parcel as his or her principal residence. Senior exemptions granted during the term of the current parcel tax will continue in effect during the term of the renewal.

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Section 2. The text of the measure as displayed on each individual ballot shall be abbreviated and shall read as follows:

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX
RENEWAL TO MAINTAIN QUALITY
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SERVICES
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YES

NO

Section 3. Commencing on July 1, 2005, the parcel 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 4. The Superintendent of Schools of Marin County is hereby requested to call an election of said parcel tax to be held on and consolidated with the regular election on November 2, 2004. The County Clerk is hereby requested and authorized to: 1) set forth on all sample ballots relating to said election to be mailed to the qualified electors of the Tamalpais Union High School District said measure; 2) to provide absentee voter ballots for said parcel tax election for use by qualified electors of the Tamalpais Union High School District who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law; and 3) to consolidate this election with the regular election on November 2, 2004.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, phrase or clause of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution. This governing board declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, subsections, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, phrases or clauses shall be declared invalid.

Section 6. The secretary of the Tamalpais Union High 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 Superintendent of Schools of Marin County and to file a copy hereof so certified with the County Clerk of Marin County.

The foregoing resolution was moved by board member Bob Walter and adopted on roll call on June 22nd, 2004, by the following vote:

Board Member: Bob Walter
Board Member: Susan Schmidt
Board Member: Jill Sampson
Board Member: John Wright
Board Member: Absent (Ruth Dell)

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT/NOT VOTING: 1 Absent

WHEREUPON, the President declaring the foregoing resolution duly adopted and

SO ORDERED
s/ John Wright
President Governing Board

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
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If this Measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the Tamalpais Union High School District will be authorized to levy a special tax for a period of seven years beginning on July 1, 2005. The Measure states that the amount of the special tax shall begin at the level of the existing parcel tax, plus an annual three percent (3%) increase, which the Measure states will equal \$199.97 for tax year 2005-2006.

An exemption is created for owners aged Sixty-Five (65) years or older who use the parcel as his or her principal place of residence.

Dated: August 17, 2004

PATRICK K. FAULKNER
County Counsel

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

The communities of the Tamalpais Union High School District take pride in their schools and their students. Tamalpais, Redwood, Sir Francis Drake, Tamiscal and San Andreas are ranked among the best high schools in the state for outstanding academic achievement.

Our schools provide high quality programs for our students because of our tradition of strong support from parents and community members. In 1989, our community overwhelmingly approved a parcel tax to fund exceptional educational programs in our local high schools. In 1997, our community again demonstrated support for small class sizes and quality programs by renewing the parcel tax. The 1997 parcel tax expires in June 2005. We are asking the community to vote Yes on Measure G to extend the existing tax for a term of 7 years with a reduction of the current annual inflation factor from 5% to 3%.

Measure G will:

- Maintain small class sizes and seven period day for students
- Maintain advanced placement, honors and programs for at-risk students
- Attract and retain accomplished, experienced teachers and staff

The current parcel tax generates about 17% of the District's budget. Failure to renew it would require the reduction or elimination of crucial programs and student services. All funds raised by Measure G will remain in our community to benefit students at the District's five high schools. This local tax is deductible from state and federal income taxes. Residential property owners 65 and older may apply for an exemption.

Our community recognizes that outstanding high schools distinguish our towns and cities and help maintain property values. Our bond dollars are modernizing the schools structurally, but now we must protect our exceptional programs for students by renewing the parcel tax. A Yes vote for Measure G is a sensible community investment. Please join us in continuing to provide local funding to maintain educational excellence in our schools.

s/ Sharon Bass
College Advisor

s/ Hal Brown
Marin County Board of Supervisors

s/ Charles H. "Chuck" Curley
Twice Former Larkspur Mayor

s/ John Leonard
Former Mill Valley Mayor

s/ Jack McLaughlin, President Elect
Marin Association of Realtors

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE

WAS SUBMITTED

END OF MEASURE G

