

## REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE A

**A** In order to maintain and enhance the quality of public education in Tiburon, Belvedere, and east Corte Madera by providing continued support for small classes, exceptional instructional programs, essential curriculum development, and professional training, shall the Reed Union School District be authorized to renew a special assessment commencing July 1, 2008 for a maximum of eight years at the rate of \$319.00 per parcel per year with a 3% yearly adjustment and an exemption for property owners age 65 and older?

### COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE A

#### REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX

If this Measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the Reed Union School District will be authorized to renew a special assessment of Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$319.00) per assessor's parcel, beginning July 1, 2008, for a maximum of eight years, with Three Percent (3%) yearly adjustments. This measure specifies that proceeds of the tax are to be used for providing continued support for small classes, instructional programs, curriculum development and professional training.

An exemption is created for owners aged Sixty-Five (65) years and older.

s/PATRICK K. FAULKNER  
County Counsel

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A KEEP OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS, VALUABLE

Reed, Bel Aire and Del Mar are excellent schools and our students are ranked at the top academically in Marin County. Strong support from parents and community members has ensured that our schools offer only the highest quality programs. While our bond dollars have funded the renovation and modernization of our schools, we must continue to protect our schools' exceptional *educational programs* by a renewal of the parcel tax.

Our current parcel tax rate **will not be increased** but it must be continued!

On November 6, 2007, we ask that voters in Tiburon, Belvedere and East Corte Madera reaffirm their commitment to our students by a renewal, without a rate increase, of our current parcel tax that will guarantee excellence in education for years to come.

Measure A will:

- Continue comprehensive, exceptional educational programs
- Attract and retain accomplished and experienced teachers
- Protect small class sizes

This local tax, deductible from state and federal income taxes, has an 8-year term at a cost of \$319 per year per parcel or \$26.58 a month. The annual adjustment of 3% per year remains the same. The parcel tax accounts for 9% of the District's annual budget.

California school funding does not fully support the programs our community believes are critical in helping our students reach their fullest potential. Through renewal of this parcel tax we can protect our valuable educational assets, as all funds generated from the tax go directly to the Reed Union School District.

Tiburon, Belvedere and East Corte Madera demand an outstanding school system; it is our community's commitment to our children and our future. Please join us in continuing to provide local funding to keep our schools strong. **Vote YES on Measure A!**

s/TOM GRAM

Mayor of Tiburon

s/JERRY BUTLER

Mayor of Belvedere

s/ALICE FREDERICKS

Tiburon Town Council

s/MERRILL T. BOYCE

Trustee, Reed Union School District

s/SUSAN PARKER

Parent

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A  
WAS FILED.**

**FULL TEXT OF MEASURE A**  
**RESOLUTION No. 12-2006/07**  
**REED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL**  
**PARCEL TAX ELECTION, ESTABLISHING**  
**SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND**  
**REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION**  
**WITH OTHER ELECTIONS**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Reed Union School District (the "District"), as follows:

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has failed to provide adequate funding to the District and as a result of this lack of financial support for the schools, the District has been and will be forced to eliminate many programs necessary to the children of the District;

WHEREAS, the voters of the District previously authorized a parcel tax assessment of \$309.52 per parcel which assessment expires on June 30, 2008;

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

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to generate funds for the educational program, including lobbying in the State Legislature and many local fundraising efforts;

WHEREAS, a thorough and developed public education program delivers many long-lasting benefits and advantages to all the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 50075, 50075.1, 50075.3, 50075.5, 50076, 50077, 50079, and 53720 *et seq.* of the California Government Code 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, it has been determined that the Board conduct a special election on November 6, 2007, at which will be submitted to the qualified voters of the District a measure to authorize the renewal of a special tax for the purpose of continuing vital educational programs critical to the educational process in the schools of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Reed Union School District does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

*Section 1.* Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the District, at which election shall be submitted to the qualified voters within the District the following measure, to wit:

**"MEASURE"**

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curriculum development, and professional training, shall the Reed Union School District be authorized to renew a special assessment commencing July 1, 2008 for a maximum of eight years at the rate of \$319.00 per parcel per year with a 3% yearly adjustment and an exemption for property owners age 65 and older?

The following programs and services shall continue and shall be supported by the special tax:

- Small classes to maximize learning for our community's children
- Comprehensive programs in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies
- Enrichment programs in art, music, and technology
- Continuation of additional academic time above state minimum requirements
- Attract and retain qualified and experienced employees
- Support services needed for a safe and educationally sound environment for children
- Maintenance and acquisition of current educational and instructional equipment, supplies, and library and text books.

The special tax will be renewed in the amount of \$319.00 per year with a 3% yearly adjustment for each assessor's parcel. 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 June 1 of the assessment year, who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence and who applies to the District on or before June 1, 2008, or June 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 special assessment will continue.

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

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\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ No

*Section 3.* Commencing on July 1, 2008, 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 4.* The Marin County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to call a special election of the said special tax to be held on November 6, 2007. The Marin County Clerk is hereby requested and authorized to: 1) set forth said measure on all sample ballots relating to said election to be mailed to the qualified electors of the District; and 2) to provide absent voter ballots for said special tax election for use by qualified electors of the District who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law.

The Board requests that the District's election be consolidated with any and all elections to be held on the same date as specified above.

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

*Section 6:* The Board Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this resolution and to transmit a copy hereof so certified to the Marin County Superintendent of Schools and to file a copy hereof so certified with the Marin County Clerk.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Merrill Boyce, seconded by Teri Jacks, and adopted by roll call vote on June 19, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	5
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	0