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**County of San Mateo** 

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-13-06** 

# RESOLUTION PROPOSING A SPECIAL TAX AND CALLING FOR ELECTION FOR VOTER APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District ("District") is committed to providing a high quality education to all students and securing adequate funding for that purpose; and,

WHEREAS, current La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District Parcel Tax Measure B is set to expire June 30, 2013 and because of persistent state funding shortfalls, the District continues to rely on the revenue raised to enhance the district educational program; and,

WHEREAS, future funding for the District from the State of California is projected to be inadequate to support and continue the educational programs necessary to provide a high quality education to the students of the District; and,

WHEREAS, a strong community makes a great school and great schools support strong communities; and,

WHEREAS, the quality of life in our community and the quality of life of our children will be enhanced by renewal of the local parcel tax that will continue to support improvement in the quality of local education provided by the district; and,

WHEREAS, property values within the District will be adversely affected by a decline in the quality of education provided by the District; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIIIA, section 4 of the California Constitution and California Government Code sections 50075 and 50079 authorize a school district to propose the adoption of a special tax for the purposes specified in such proposal upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 50075.1 of the Government Code, the District shall create or cause to be created an account into which the proceeds of any special tax approved hereunder shall be deposited and shall file the annual reports required by section 50075.3 of the Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, this Board believes that such a special tax is essential to continue to improve and enhance the District's educational programs;

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

This Board proposes a measure to raise special taxes in the District, said measure to be placed on the May 7, 2013, ballot.

- 1. The amount of the special tax shall be \$100 per year per parcel, taxed uniformly in accordance with Government Code 50079.
- 2. The special tax proposed by this Resolution shall be collected for seven consecutive years beginning July 1, 2013.
- 3. A "parcel" shall be defined as any parcel of land in the District that receives a tax bill from the San Mateo County Assessor's Office, except that two contiguous parcels, where at least one of those contiguous parcels is used for owner-occupied single family residence purposes and both parcels are held under identical ownership, shall, upon approval of an application by the owner of such parcel, be taxed as a single parcel for purposes of this special tax.
- 4. A parcel owned and occupied by one or more persons 65 years of age or over shall be exempted upon approval of an application for exemption by the owner of the parcel.
- 5. To ensure accountability, the proceeds of the special tax will be placed into a special account. An independent community committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to review all expenditures funded by this measure to ensure that the money is spent only for purposes approved by the voters.
- 6. The District shall report on an annual basis to the community on how these funds have been spent.
- 7. The special tax shall be collected by the San Mateo County Tax Collector. The special tax shall be collected in the same manner and be subject to the same penalties and interest as are imposed by said County for unpaid general ad valorem taxes.
- 8. This Board hereby requests that the San Mateo County Clerk ("County Clerk") submit to the voters of this District on May 7, 2013, the following ballot measure:

#### **BALLOT MEASURE**

Shall the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District continue a successful local parcel tax to lo improve access to technology in classrooms, provide enrichment opportunities for students, quality professional development for teachers and increase student achievement, in the amount of \$100 local per year per taxable parcel for seven years, with exemptions for contiguous parcels and parcels local parcels by persons 65 years and older, with funds staying in local schools, and with independent local parcels local parcel tax to local parcel tax

# Full Ballot Measure Shall Read as Follows:

Shall the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District be authorized to continue a special tax for \$100 per year per taxable pargel for a period of seven years, beginning July 1, 2013?

The purpose of this tax is as follows:

- To improve access to technology in classrooms
- To provide enrichment opportunities for students
- To provide high quality professional development for teachers
- · To increase student achievement

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A parcel owned and occupied by one or more persons 65 years of age or over shall be exempted upon approval of an application for exemption by the owner of the parcel.

To ensure accountability, the proceeds of the special tax will be placed into a special account. An independent community committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to review all expenditures funded by this measure to ensure that the money is spent only for purposes approved by the voters. In addition, the District shall report on an annual basis to the community on how these funds have been spent.

Full Text Ends

## END OF FULL TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE

- 9. The authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code and section 50079 of the Government Code.
- 10. This Resolution shall stand as the order to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to call an election within the boundaries of the District on May 7, 2013.
- 11. The President of this Board is hereby directed immediately upon adoption to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.
- 12. The President of this Board is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the San Mateo County Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors no later than February 8, 2013.

- 13. The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to deliver this Resolution, which constitutes the order of election, and a formal notice of the election to the San Mateo County Clerk and Registrar of Voters no later than February 8, 2013.
- 14. This Board requests the governing body of any such other political subdivision, or any officer otherwise authorized by law, to partially or completely consolidate such election and to further provide that the canvass be made by any body or official authorized by law to canvass the returns of the election; and, that this Board consents to such consolidation.
- 15. The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to call the election by causing notice of election to be posted in accordance with section 5362 of the Education Code, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The President of this Board, on behalf of the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.
- 16. The President of this Board of Trustees is ordered and directed to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.
- 17. Pursuant to section 5303 of the Education Code, the County Clerk is requested to take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.
- 18. The President of this Board and/or his designees and any other member of the Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal. The Superintendent, President of the Board, and their designees are hereby authorized to execute any other document and to perform all acts necessary to place the tax measure on the ballot.
- 19. If any portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. This Board declares that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the fact that any portion may be held to be invalid.

REGULARLY passed and adopted this 8th day of February, 2013

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