

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet Presidential Primary Election TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8 P.M.

WARNING: THE LOCATION OF YOUR POLLING PLACE MAY HAVE CHANGED

SEE BACK COVER FOR YOUR POLLING PLACE LOCATION AND VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT REQUEST

TAKE THIS SAMPLE BALLOT TO THE POLLS AND PRE-MARK IT TO AVOID DELAY

This Voter Pamphlet contains a Sample Ballot for the following political parties:

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT

LIBERTARIAN

DEMOCRATIC

PEACE & FREEDOM

GREEN

REPUBLICAN

NON PARTISAN / NO PARTY PREFERENCE



TOP TWO OPEN PRIMARY ACT

On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created the "Top Two Open Primary Act"

Prior to the "Top Two Open Primary Act"

- Candidates running for a partisan office appeared only on their party's ballot.
- The top vote-getter from each qualified party and any candidates who qualified using the independent nomination process would then move on to the General Election.

Now, under the "Top Two Open Primary Act"

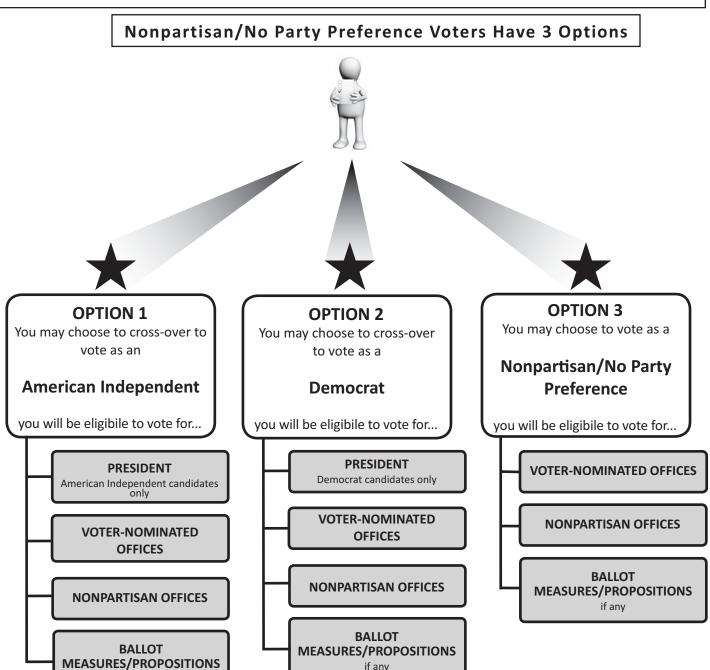
- All candidates running, regardless of their party preference, will appear on a single combined ballot.
- Voters can vote for any candidate from any political party.
- This changes the way elections are conducted for all statewide offices and the following offices:
 - U.S. Senator U.S. Representative State Senate Member of the State Assembly
- This DOES NOT affect the election of U.S. President and County Central Committees, which are still
 party nominated.

PARTY-NOMINATED OFFICES (formerly known as Partisan)	Party-Nominated offices are contests in which the nominee is selected by the political party.
Offices	U.S. President and County Central Committees
Who Can Vote	Only voters registered with the same party preference as the candidate. (Except parties who allow nonpartisans to cross-over and join their primary)
Who Advances to the General Election	Presidential contests only; the top vote-getter in each qualified party will move on to the general election.
VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES	Voter-nominated offices are contests in which the nominee is selected by the voter.
June 5, 2012 Offices	U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senate and Member of the State Assembly
Who Can Vote	All voters, regardless of party preference.
Who Advances to the General Election	The top-two vote-getters, regardless of party preference will move on to the general election.
NONPARTISAN OFFICES	Nonpartisan offices are contests in which no political party nominates a candidate.
June 5, 2012 Offices	Superior Court Judge, County Supervisor, County Board of Education, City of Hayward Councilmembers
Who Can Vote	All voters, regardless of party preference.
Who Advances to the General Election	In majority vote contests, candidates that receive a majority of the votes win outright in the Primary. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, then the top-two vote-getters move on to the general election.

CROSS-OVER VOTING FOR NONPARTISAN / NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS

- Voters that are **not** registered with a qualified political party may request a **party presidential** ballot, **only if the party has adopted a party rule permitting this.**
- For this election, Nonpartisan voters may request for one of these two party presidential ballots:
 - American Independent
- Democratic
- If you would like to receive a qualified party ballot other than the ones listed above, you will need to re-register and change your political party preference with the party.

If you have any questions about which parties allow Nonpartisan/No Party Preference voters to vote in their primaries, contact the Secretary of State's toll free number: 1-800-345-VOTE(8683)



June 5,2012, Presidential Primary Election Candidate Party Preference History for the last 10 years*

Party Preference County **Timeframe** Candidate **United States Senate** Kabiruddin Karim Ali Peace and Freedom San Bernardino 2011-2012 Peace and Freedom Los Angeles 2002-2011 John Boruff Republican San Diego 2002-2012 Oscar Alejandro Braun Republican San Mateo 2012-2012 San Mateo No Party Preference 2010-2012 San Mateo 2010-2010 Republican No Party Preference San Mateo 2009-2009 Republican San Mateo 2002-2009 **Greg Conlon** Republican San Mateo 2002-2012 Elizabeth Emken Contra Costa 2002-2012 Republican Marsha Feinland Peace and Freedom 2002-2012 Alameda Dianne Feinstein Democratic San Francisco 2002-2012 Colleen Shea Fernald Democratic Sonoma 2004-2012 No Party Preference Sonoma 2003-2004 Democratic Sonoma 2002-2003 Rogelio T. Gloria Republican San Diego 2003-2012 No Party Preference San Diego 2002-2003 Don J. Grundmann American Independent Alameda 2002-2012 Dan Hughes Republican San Diego 2002-2012 Dennis Jackson Riverside 2012-2012 Republican Republican San Bernardino 2002-2012 Dirk Allen Konopik Republican San Bernardino 2011-2012 Republican Riverside 2009-2011 Republican Orange 2009-2009 **Donald Krampe** Republican Riverside 2002-2012 Robert Lauten Republican Orange 2010-2012 American Independent Orange 2002-2010 David Alex Levitt Sonoma Democratic 2011-2012 Santa Clara Democratic 2002-2011 Gail K. Lightfoot Libertarian San Luis Obispo 2002-2012 Al Ramirez Republican Los Angeles 2002-2012 Nak Shah Democratic San Mateo 2012-2012 No Party Preference San Mateo 2011-2012 Democratic San Mateo 2009-2011 Out of State 2002-2009 Nachum Shifren Republican Los Angeles 2002-2012 Diane Stewart Democratic Contra Costa 2002-2012 Mike Strimling Democratic Alameda 2002-2012 Orly Taitz Republican Orange 2002-2012 Rick Williams Republican Los Angeles 2002-2012

^{*} Under the Top Two Candidate Open Primary Act, the Secretary of State is required to provide the political party preference history for the preceding 10 years for candidates for voter-nominated offices. The information above was provided by candidates on their Declaration of Candidacy forms. If a candidate provided more than 10 years of political party preference history, that information is not included on this page. If a candidate provided voter registration information outside of California, that information is not included on this page. As of January 2011, candidates who were previously identified as Decline-To-State or DTS are now identified as No Party Preference. If candidates identified themselves as Decline-To-State, DTS, DS, or Independent on their Declaration of Candidacy forms, those designations have been changed to "No Party Preference" on this page. Two previously qualified political parties, identified by candidates on their Declaration of Candidacy forms, have lost their qualified status; the provided party information has not been changed and is included on this page.

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Huita d Otata a Danna antativa District 40					
United States Representative Di	Suict 13				
Justin Jelincic	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Barbara Lee	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Marilyn M. Singleton	No Party Preference	Alameda	2011-2012		
	Republican	Alameda	2011-2011		
	No Party Preference	Alameda	2002-2011		
United States Representative Di	strict 15				
Christopher "Chris" J. Pareja	No Party Preference	Alameda	2002-2012		
Fortney Pete Stark	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Eric Swalwell	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
United States Representative District 17					
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Mike Honda	Democratic	Santa Clara	2002-2012		
Evelyn Li	Republican	Alameda	2012-2012		
	Democratic	Alameda	2005-2012		
· ·	Republican	Alameda	2002-2005		
Charles Richardson	No Party Preference	Alameda	2010-2012		
State Senator District 7					
Mark DeSaulnier	Democratic	Contra Costa	2002-2012		
Mark P. Meuser	Republican	Contra Costa	2008-2012		
		Out of State	2002-2008		
State Senator District 9					
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Loni Hancock	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
State Assembly Member District 15					
Nancy Skinner	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
State Assembly Member District 16					
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Joan Buchanan	Democratic	Contra Costa	2002-2012		
Al Phillips	Republican	Alameda	2002-2012		

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June 5,2012, Presidential Primary Election Candidate Party Preference History for the last 10 years*

Candidate	Party Preference	County	<u>Timeframe</u>		
State Assembly Member District 18					
Rob Bonta	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Abel Guillen	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Rhonda Weber	Republican	Alameda	2002-2012		
Joel B. Young	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
State Assembly Member District 20					
Sarabjit Kaur Cheema	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Mark Green	No Party Preference	Alameda	2010-2012		
	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2010		
Jennifer Ong	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Bill Quirk	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		
Luis Reynoso	Republican	Alameda	2002-2012		
State Assembly Member District 25					
ArLyne Diamond	Republican	Santa Clara	2002-2012		
Pete "Primo" McHugh	Democratic	Santa Clara	2002-2012		
Bob Wieckowski	Democratic	Alameda	2002-2012		

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POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

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Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13302(b), political parties may request the Elections Office to include a list of endorsed candidates for Voter-Nominated Offices in the Voter Information Pamphlet. Below are the endorsements:

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY	,	
OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Senate	Statewide	Robert Lauten
U.S. Representative	13	Marilyn M. Singleton
DEMOCRATIC PARTY		
OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Senate	Statewide	Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Representative	13	Barbara Lee
U.S. Representative	15	Fortney Pete Stark
U.S. Representative	17	Mike Honda
State Senate	7	Mark DeSaulnier
State Senate	9	Loni Hancock
State Assembly	15	Nancy Skinner
State Assembly	16	Joan Buchanan
State Assembly	20	Bill Quirk
State Assembly	25	Bob Wieckowski
LIBERTARIAN PARTY		
OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Senate	Statewide	Gail K. Lightfoot
U.S. Representative	17	Charles Richardson
REPUBLICAN PARTY		
OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Senate	Statewide	Elizabeth Emken
U.S. Representative	17	Evelyn Li
State Senate	7	Mark P. Meuser
State Assembly	16	Al Phillips
State Assembly	25	ArLyne Diamond
PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY		
OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE
U.S. Senate	Statewide	Marsha Feinland

PROPOSITION 34 INFORMATION

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ALAMEDA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 85400 OF PROPOSITION 34

OFFICE	DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	PARTY
Senate	7	Mark DeSaulnier	Democratic
Senate	9	Loni Hancock	Democratic
Assembly	15	Nancy Skinner	Democratic
Assembly	16	Al Phillips	Republican
Assembly	18	Rob Bonta	Democratic
Assembly	18	Abel Guillen	Democratic
Assembly	18	Rhonda Weber	Republican
Assembly	18	Joel B. Young	Democratic
Assembly	20	Sarabjit Kaur Cheema	Democratic
Assembly	20	Mark Green	No Party Preference
Assembly	20	Jennifer Ong	Democratic
Assembly	20	Bill Quirk	Democratic
Assembly	20	Luis Reynoso	Republican
Assembly	25	ArLyne Diamond	Republican
Assembly	25	Pete "Primo" McHugh	Democratic
Assembly	25	Bob Wieckowski	Democratic

This list is published in the Voter Information Pamphlet as a requirement of Proposition 34 (Section 85600) which was approved by the voters on November 7, 2000

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

BILINGUAL ELECTION WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR

JUNE 5, 2012 Presidential Primary Election

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters office is continually seeking people dedicated to the democratic process who are able to serve at a polling place on Election Day.



Bilingual Election Workers Must:

• Be FLUENT in either: English/Chinese

English/Spanish
English/Tagalog

English/Vietnamese

• Be 18 years of age or older

- Be registered to vote
- Attend a mandatory training class

PASS A BILINGUAL ASSESSMENT AND ATTEND EXTENDED TRAINING TO RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$10

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

www.acgov.org/rov/workers.htm

EARN EXTRA MONEY AND BE PART OF THE ELECTION PROCESS

*All Election Workers Must Attend Mandatory Training

INSPECTORS

- Person in-charge
- · Must have own vehicle
- Must be a registered voter

EARN \$180

JUDGES

Must be a registered voter

EARN UP TO \$125

CLERKS

Must be a registered voter

EARN UP TO \$115

STUDENTS

- Must be at least 16 years of age
- · A U.S. citizen
- Have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher

EARN \$100 or 52.50 (half shift)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

E-MAIL: rov_pollworker@acgov.org **CALL:** (510)272-6971

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

The following pages may contain: CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS & MEASURE INFORMATION

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS.

Not all candidates submit a statement of qualifications. For a complete list of candidates on the ballot, view your sample ballot, which is included within this pamphlet.

Each candidate's statement of qualifications, if any, is volunteered by the candidate and is printed at the expense of the candidate, unless otherwise determined by the governing body. Statements have been printed as submitted by the candidates, including any typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors. The statements have not been checked for accuracy by the Registrar of Voters office.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.ACGOV.ORG/ROV

If you have questions about voting procedures call (510) 267-8683

JUNE 5, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

This Voter Information Pamphlet contains the sample ballots of the following qualified political parties in California:

- American Independent
- Democratic
- Green
- Libertarian

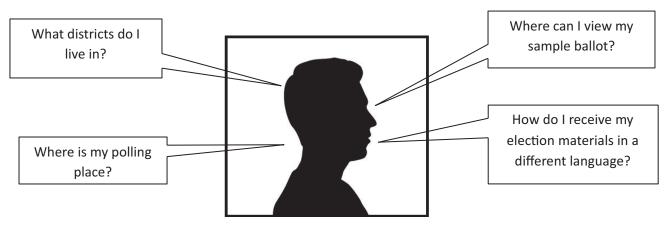
- Peace and Freedom
- Republican
- Nonpartisan/No Party Preference

The Americans Elect party did not participate in this June 5, 2012 – Presidential Primary Election

- When you go to the polls or receive a vote by mail ballot, you will be issued the ballot for the political party in which you are registered.
- If you are not registered with a qualified political party, your ballot will not include the offices of President or County Central Committees. You may request for a party's presidential ballot, only if the party has adopted a party rule permitting this.
- For this election, voters who are not registered with a qualified political party may request for **one** of the following party's presidential ballot:
 - American Independent
- Democratic

A CLICK AWAY FROM ALL YOUR VOTING NEEDS

MY VOTER PROFILE



Answers to these questions and more are available online at www.acgov.org/rov/profile.htm log on today and discover the simplicity and convenience of My Voter Profile.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit our website at: www.acgov.org/rov or call our office (510)272-6973

GO GREEN AND SAVE TAX DOLLARS

OPT-OUT OF RECEIVING YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET BY MAIL

Beginning January 1, 2011, State Law (AB 1717) allows voters to "go green" by choosing to opt-out of receiving their sample ballot and voter information pamphlet by mail and accessing it online instead. Choosing the online option will help reduce County costs and save tax dollars.



If you would like to opt-out of receiving your Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet by mail, simply complete the Opt-Out/Opt-In Form online at:

www.acgov.org/rov/sampleballotopt.htm

Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets are available online approximately 40 days before an election.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

visit our website at: www.acgov.org/rov or contact us at: (510)272-6973

Candidates' Statements UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE Thirteenth Congressional District

BARBARA LEE

Occupation: Member of Congress

My education and qualifications are: I am proud to live in the East Bay, the most culturally diverse and vibrant place in California. And as your representative in Congress, I have worked to advance policies that promote equity and social justice. But we live in challenging times. Our economy remains stagnant, with too many of our neighbors out of work and losing their homes, as living-wage jobs remain scarce; access to healthcare continues to be limited and costly; higher education stays beyond reach for many families. All the while, unnecessary spending at the Pentagon and the war in Afghanistan continue to divert national resources from these urgent needs at home. I have done my best to address these challenges in the halls of the United States Congress, by: 1) prioritizing legislation that promotes pathways out of poverty and opportunities for all; 2) supporting economic and socially just policies that foster global peace and national security; and 3) increasing access to educational opportunities for everyone. I will continue to fight to grow our economy and put people back to work; to protect the environment and focus on the challenge of climate change: to ensure that all Americans have access to healthcare: to create safer communities: to advocate for a fair and comprehensive immigration policy; and, to finally end the war in Afghanistan, I hope I have earned your trust and that you will elect me to serve you again in Congress.

MARILYN M. SINGLETON Occupation: Medical Doctor

and ourselves brighter futures.

My education and qualifications are: I've spent my life learning, teaching, and as a physician, healing. Working in health law advocacy, I solved problems, not pointed fingers. I'm a longtime East Bay resident concerned about persistent unemployment, wasteful government spending, and high student dropout rates. I'm not a career politician beholden to divisive special interest groups. To give value for our tax dollars, I'll work to stop corporate handouts, consolidate overlapping agencies, and enhance retirement security by improving Medicare and Social Security. I'll promote social programs that empower. Many existing programs do not foster self-respect. They treat symptoms, not the cause. Poorly educated – and many times fatherless – children become jobless adults with little respect for themselves or others. We can have stronger communities with more opportunities. I can help make it happen. Locally-based innovations can give all children access to a quality education. A culture of achievement promotes self-reliance, social responsibility, and leads to good jobs. Jobs promote safe secure communities and vield more tax revenues. To create jobs, I'll work to bring home money parked overseas by taking the guesswork

out of running businesses: simplify tax codes and eliminate inef-

fective regulations. Washington's policymaking lessens the power and influence of communities. We want results, not politics as

usual. I'll span differences by putting common sense above "party line." More unites us than divides us. I'm a new voice working hard to earn your vote. With your support, I'll take my nonpartisan, no-nonsense, can-do attitude to Washington. We owe our children

Candidates' Statements UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE Fifteenth Congressional District

ERIC SWALWELL

Occupation: Prosecutor/City Councilman

Age: 31

My education and qualifications are: America needs an economic comeback. Unfortunately, Congress is a mess. Legislators spend too much time bickering over partisan politics, and too little time working for you. We can do better. I'll work with both parties to ensure that if you play by the rules and work hard, you'll be rewarded with new opportunities for greater prosperity. We need a Representative in Congress who lives in our community and has the energy and new ideas to solve problems. As a Dublin City Councilman, I reformed the city's pension plan to meet our commitments to retirees while balancing the budget without layoffs or service cuts. In Congress, I'll end wasteful spending and reduce our debt. With a champion in Congress, our community can create thousands of new renewable energy jobs. We can deliver a tax code that encourages "Made in America," no longer rewards companies who send jobs overseas, and makes the super-rich pay their fair share. I'll work to bring fairness and accountability to Congress. I've prosecuted thousands of cases and received a community award from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. I'll enact policies that punish corporate greed, reform government, and end special treatment for legislators. I know the people and issues of our area. I've volunteered as a youth soccer coach, founded a nonprofit education organization, and serve as an advisor to the Tri-Valley Conservancy, a land conservation group. I'll never forget where I come from and who I represent, you. www.swalwellforcongress.com

FORTNEY PETE STARK

Occupation: U.S. Congressman

My education and qualifications are: I am running for Congress in the new 15th District to fight for our shared values and to put our country back on the right track. I seek to build a brighter future for our community by putting people first. My number one priority is getting Americans back to work. I have championed the needs of the East Bay in Congress, leading the fight to protect Social Security and Medicare, conserve the environment, advocate for a woman's right to choose, promote peace rather than war, and standing up for working families. This year, I brought millions of federal funds into the community to create green jobs, invest in energy efficiency, and promote conservation projects. As Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health, I was a key architect of the Affordable Care Act that was signed into law by President Obama in 2010 – legislation that will finally guarantee affordable, quality health care to all Americans. My greatest pleasure is helping our neighbors through active constituent services. From finding a lost Social Security check to helping with veterans' concerns. I care about the strength of this community, and I am committed to serving you in Congress, I have a BS from MIT and a MBA from UC Berkeley. I am a veteran of the Air Force. A father of seven and grandfather of eight. I know the joy of family and the importance of a strong community.

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" J. PAREJA Occupation: Small Business Owner

Age: 40

My education and qualifications are: We want Congress to create an environment for a strong economy and healthy job creation. We should expect our Representatives to understand how the legislation they approve will impact the business community. I have spent the last 20 years in a number of sales, marketing and management positions. I understand the needs of people from the boardroom to the loading dock; from the job seeker to the retiree. Government deficits and spending are far exceeding tax revenue. Washington DC needs to take a lesson from citizens like you and me. We have had to prioritize our spending and make tough decisions to cut costs. I will take that philosophy to Washington. I have lived in the East Bay most of my life, and my wife and I have lived within the district for most of the 16 years we have been married. We have raised our 11, 10 and 3-year old children in the cities between Hayward and Livermore and understand the unique environments within our district. On the surface, our district might seem diverse. Yet, when we talk as people, instead of Conservatives or Liberals, I find we typically have the same concerns. We want safe and healthy neighborhoods, the ability to provide for the ones we love, a government that keeps its promises and to be heard by our elected public servants. I want to be your voice in Washington. I would appreciate your vote and want to listen. Contact me at chris@chrispareja.com or 510.342.0226 or visit www.chrispareja.com.

Candidates' Statements UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE Seventeenth Congressional District

EVELYN LI MD

Occupation: FACC, FACP, Cardiology, Businesswoman, Mother

Age: 56

My education and qualifications are: I have been a Cardiologist for 25 years and founded the Asian Medical Clinic of Fremont, a non-profit organization where over 65% of the patients are MediCal and medical indigents. I emigrated from Hong Kong in my teens. I am a wife and mother of three children. As a doctor, small business owner, participant and volunteer of numerous non-profit organizations I participated in the American Dream, I want to make sure that our American Dream stavs alive for our children and grandchildren. I am a woman with a vision and passion for our community and I have the experience and courage to see it through. My vision is to improve education, support family values, enhance work ethic, stream line the government so that we can balance our budgets, reduce crime and improve our educational and healthcare system. I am committed to set my work aside to become your community representative. Member of Medical Associations: AMA, ACP, ACCMA, CMA, CPA, AWMA, ACC, UAPD Legislature representative for CMA, ACCMA, ACP Founder of Patient Advocate organization Founder of Asian Fremont Lions Club Former chairman of the Advisory board for Mission San Jose School district Mentor of healthcare allied professionals. Active member of my church and have held numerous positions: Sunday School teacher, Relief Society President and Temple worker. Please vote for Evelyn Li and I promise to help our community heal and prosper.

MIKE HONDA

Occupation: Member of Congress

My education and qualifications are: Two remarkable trends have emerged since I was first elected to Congress in 2000, making this year's election unprecedented. In presidential and midterm elections over the last 10 to 15 years, voter turnout steadily increased to record levels in 2008. This is good - a more engaged America is a more democratic America. Yet America is increasingly polarized and divided, making it more difficult to collectively solve our country's toughest problems: unemployment, education, infrastructure, housing and healthcare for all. Consequently, elected officials must bring deep knowledge of - and commitment to - their district, but also an ability to bridge the divide and solve the politically insoluble. My lifetime of service to our community is consistent and clear. As an educator of 30 years; a father and grandfather; a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador; an elected official who has served at the federal, state and local levels; and an internee in World War II, I know that while government can make mistakes, it can also work together to ensure access to the American Dream for all. As an Appropriator, it has been my duty and honor to reinvest hundreds of millions of hard-earned taxpaver dollars back into our neighborhoods, returning our fair share of federal funds. Equally important is the task of rebuilding this nation and restoring confidence in Washington. I pledge continued service in representing you, helping local families, and reinvigorating our local and national economies so we can all reach and expand the American Dream.

Candidates' Statements MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY Eighteenth Assembly District

ABEL GUILLEN

Occupation: Community College Trustee

My education and qualifications are: I am running for the Assembly to bring fiscal oversight to our state's budget crisis: fix our schools, make our neighborhoods safer and healthcare more affordable – so our families and small businesses in Oakland, San Leandro and Alameda have a better future. As a Community College Trustee. I have a proven record of taking on tough challenges and delivering results. After years of mismanagement and waste by previous administrations. I spearheaded landmark reforms that cleaned up the Peralta Community College District – bringing accountability and transparency to its finances and putting an end to fraud and abuse. While politicians in Sacramento cut education funding. I protected job training and educational programs at our Laney, Merritt, Berkeley and Alameda campuses, while delivering balanced budgets. We're making smarter investments to maintain and expand educational programs in science, healthcare, computer technology and biotech so students are prepared for good paying jobs. I earned my master's degree from UC Berkeley. As Vice President of an East Bay school finance firm, I helped deliver \$2.5 billion to build and modernize California's public schools and colleges - benefiting over 100,000 students statewide. Join the Sierra Club, our classroom teachers, nurses, small business owners, seniors and Democrats in supporting my campaign. www.AbelforAssembly.com

ROB BONTA

Occupation: Vice Mayor; Deputy City Attorney

My education and qualifications are: As Vice Mayor, I have fought for good jobs, better schools and safer neighborhoods. To create new jobs for the East Bay, I helped convince the U.S. Navy to donate former Air Base land for local economic development projects. I served with a local non-profit to expand preschool, after-school, and life skill programs for youth in Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro. Together with parents and educators, I helped increase local funding for public schools. Working with city employees, I helped reform pension and retirement healthcare costs to balance the budget and maintain services that working families depend on. As an attorney, I worked with the American Civil Liberties Union to stop racial profiling, protecting rights of racial minorities across California. My dedication to preventing crime and violence earned me the strong support of Police Officers and Firefighters in Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro. I am running for Assembly to bring this kind of leadership and fiscal responsibility to Sacramento, balance the state budget, and restore funding to education, healthcare and services for seniors and the disabled. The son of a Filipino immigrant. I developed a passion for public service growing up at the United Farm Worker headquarters where my parents were organizers alongside César Chávez. Through financial aid and work study programs, I put myself through Yale University. I met my wife 23 years ago at college orientation and today we are proud parents of three school-age children. I would be honored to represent you in the Assembly.

JOEL B. YOUNG

Occupation: AC Transit Director

My education and qualifications are: Half of high school freshmen will drop out before graduating. 70% of young Black men are dropping out. 90% of the convicts in state prison did drop out. Unemployment in Alameda County is 16%. Yet, CalTrans exported 4 million hours of Bay Bridge construction work to people in China. BART's rail cars are made overseas. State prison guards wear uniforms made in China. The rocks for Bay Bridge footings came from Canada. Bureaucrats justify each of these decisions as "saving money." But they ignore the cost of unemployment – lost tax revenue to fund schools, lost hope for young people who can't find work, and homes lost to foreclosure. In 2006, Californians approved \$8 billion in bonds for infrastructure projects creating 100,000 jobs. The bonds were sold. We're paying \$600 million in interest and not one project has gotten started. Before I became a Director, AC Transit bought its buses from Belgium. I will force the State to adopt the policies I pushed through AC Transit - giving government business to local people and buying products made in America. My family is as diverse as our community. My dad is African American. My mom is white and speaks Spanish. My sister speaks Chinese. They all helped me graduate from UC Berkeley Law School. Every child deserves an education, a chance to go to college, and an opportunity to get a good job. Give me a chance to fight for "Jobs Here." Joel Young www.joelyoung.org

Candidates' Statements MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY Twentieth Assembly District

BILL QUIRK

Occupation: City Councilmember/Scientist

My education and qualifications are: I am honored to be the only candidate endorsed by the California Democratic Party and a broad coalition of organizations including those representing nurses, firefighters, teachers, police officers, environmentalists and working families. Over 250 elected and community leaders are also supporting my candidacy. They know my 30 years of volunteer service and 8 years on the Hayward City Council will help me be an effective leader in the Assembly from my first day the job. My priorities focus on the three things most vital for our community: improving schools, creating jobs, and ensuring safe, clean neighborhoods. On the City Council, I've fought to increase school funding, balance our city budget while keeping police on the streets and fire stations open, and stimulate job creation by promoting small business and reducing and streamlining regulations. In the Assembly, I will protect education and other critical services by fighting for funding, promoting jobs by reducing and streamlining regulations on businesses, and supporting police and fire services by stopping state raids on funds for local government. As a scientist, I worked at Lawrence Livermore National Lab and NASA and taught physics at Cal Tech, Columbia, and UC Davis. I was a PTA president when my children attended local public school and I remain active in many community organizations including Rotary, Friends of the Library, Sierra Club, and Neighborhood Watch. Please join local community leaders, the California Democratic Party, nurses, firefighters, police officers and environmentalists in supporting me for State Assembly, www.electbillquirk.com

DR. JENNIFER ONG

Occupation: Doctor of Optometry

Age: 42

My education and qualifications are: Thank you for taking time to read my candidate statement and learn more about my personal history, my policy interests, and my political views. My family came here from the Philippines. I grew up in San Leandro. My dad was a grocery store produce man and my mom sold hot dogs in the Coliseum. Their hard work enabled me to earn my Doctorate in Optometry at UC Berkeley. Today, I run my own practice. My personal story shapes my policy interests. It all starts with jobs. My parents had good union jobs, with health insurance for us. Every family deserves that. My good public education gave me the chance to attend a great university. Every child deserves that opportunity. As a health care provider, I care about health issues and why I am so supportive of the First Lady's campaign against childhood obesity. My politics are simple. I believe in personal responsibility. Every person who can work, should work. Every parent must partner with their children's teachers. Everyone should pay their fair share of taxes - nothing more and not a penny less. And every political leader should treat taxpayers' money with respect. I try to live my politics. I volunteered in Hayward schools. I donate health care to the poor. I started a grassroots campaign against Hepatitis B. I volunteer on the Family Violence Council and Child Assault Prevention Program. I am running for Assembly to help others have what California gave my family and me.

MARK GREEN

Occupation: Mayor of Union City

Age: 59

My education and qualifications are: Do you want more business as usual in Sacramento? Are you fed up with special interests dictating public policy? I believe you deserve better: no political party platform, no special interest backing and no petty partisan bickering. I promise to bring a sensible, fair-minded approach to fixing the state budget and serving the needs of Assembly District 20. I am the only candidate with a 21-year record of performance, achievement and results. Before voting, compare and contrast the candidates. My experience in elected office exceeds that of all my opponents combined. I balanced city budgets without resorting to tricks, built beautiful community centers and a senior village. I strengthened public safety, improved transportation and developed quality housing. I have been selected by my peers to many regional leadership positions: President, Association of Bay Area Governments; Chair, Alameda County Transportation Commission: Chair, Alameda County Waste Management Authority; President, Alameda County Mayors Conference; Chair, Alameda County Congestion Management Association; Chair, Alameda County Transportation Authority; Commissioner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission; executive board member, East Bay Economic Development Alliance. I will bring independence of thought and action to Sacramento. We need to get California back to work with infrastructure investments, balance our budgets honestly, develop a workforce for the jobs of the future and support healthy lifestyles. As a district resident for over 40 years and a graduate of U.C. Berkeley, I deeply care about our communities and our state. I respectfully ask for your vote to bring experience, independence and performance to Sacramento. www.ElectMarkGreen.com

LUIS REYNOSO

Occupation: Hayward Schools Trustee

My education and qualifications are: I currently serve as an elected member of the Hayward Unified School District Board of Trustees. This district, which comprises an area much larger than the city of Hayward, presents distinctive challenges in its cultural and academic diversity. My earlier background as a real-estate lease analyst for major multi-national corporations gives me the ability to evaluate the bottom line which is rare in education budgeting, and in most government work. I have presented useful approaches on cost cutting to put more taxpayer dollars into classroom teaching and less into sweetheart contracts. Prior to serving in elective office, I was also a classroom teacher, holding a BS in Computer Science, a Multi-Subject Teaching Credential, and MS in Educational Leadership. I am proud to have introduced computer technology to my third-grade Hayward students and raised their test scores 30%. Currently completing a Doctorate in Education, my research evaluates the dollarization of the currency in Ecuador and highlights the importance of the economic literacy we all need. On the Board of the Regional Occupational Program, I also promote both academic and career opportunities. Born in Mexico. I became a U.S. citizen at the age of twelve, when I entered public school in California. Bilingual in Spanish and English, I want to give every California K-12 student mastery of the English language to give them good jobs. In the Assembly, I pledge to help education rebuild prosperity, to reduce government waste, keep taxes low. and to listen to you. Please give me your vote.

Candidates' Statements MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY Twentieth Assembly District

SARABJIT KAUR CHEEMA

Occupation: Transportation Engineer, School Board Member, Human Relations Commissioner, Wife, Mother

Age: 52

My education and qualifications are: Cheema is asking for your help, your support, and most important, your vote on 06-05-2012. Cheema will fight for jobs. Cheema is the only candidate who has 13 years of experience working for the California State. Cheema has been improving the quality of life and safety, in Fremont, Union City, Hayward and adjacent areas for the last 20 years, by working with local leaders, governments, faith based communities, schools and legislature. Cheema's global perspective, work and life experiences, qualify Cheema uniquely, to provide responsive leadership in the legislature. Cheema, a teacher in India, moved to California in 1991. Cheema taught mathematics at Chabot College. Cheema's three sons go to colleges. Cheema will insure that quality education remains California's highest priority by working collaboratively with lawmakers, businesses and Californians as partners. As a School Board Member of New Haven Unified School District, Cheema directs alignment of human, time, and budget resources, for continuous growth. Cheema fights for education funding. As a Design and Construction Engineer, Cheema has worked with the team of Engineers to improve mobility across California. Transforming California's transportation infrastructure, improving air and water quality, and developing clean energy and green technology will create jobs. Cheema's two sons were born at Saint Rose Hospital, Hayward. Cheema is committed to improving access to health care and safety for all Californians. Cheema, the embodiment of the American dream, delivered USPS's mail in Castro Valley and Hayward from 1995-99. Cheema urges you to make your choice with clear conscience for California. Working together, California will move ahead.

Candidates' Statements MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY Twenty-fifth Assembly District

BOB WIECKOWSKI

Occupation: State Assemblymember

My education and qualifications are: After a successful career as a small business owner and a Fremont City Councilmember, I had the honor of serving our community in the State Assembly for the past two years. My experience of building coalitions to get results on the local level has proven invaluable as I have fought to change the status quo in Sacramento. I hit the ground running, focusing on job creation, solving our state's fiscal problems, investing in clean technologies, and reducing unnecessary regulations that have caused businesses to leave our great state. In my first term in the Assembly, I launched the "Made in California Jobs Initiative" to expand California manufacturing, invest in biotechnology and other emerging technologies, and provide hiring tax credits for small businesses. As part of this initiative, I am working hard to bring innovative businesses and the jobs they create to our community. Last year, building on my work at the local level, I authored landmark legislation, signed by Governor Brown, to help local governments solve their budget problems. By rising above the partisan bickering and working with both Democrats and Republicans to find new solutions, we can get California working again. With your continued support. I will bring new leadership to create local jobs. cut government waste, fight for affordable higher education, and bring together the private sector and public sector to expand job training opportunities. Please join nurses, firefighters, teachers, police officers, environmentalists, small business owners and working families in returning Bob Wieckowski to the State Assembly. www.BobWieckowski.com.

PETE 'PRIMO' MCHUGH

Occupation: Former County Supervisor

Age: 69

My education and qualifications are: Pete McHugh will shake up things in Sacramento. We cannot send the same people back to Sacramento and expect different results. We need to reinvent government for the 21st century, which is why I have decided to challenge the incumbent from my own party. The simple fact is that we have too many governments and too many executives. For example, we have 1,050 school boards, 977 school districts, 58 county offices of education, six California Youth Authority districts, six State Special Schools and an eight member State Board of Education. One school district, LA Unified, has one-third of the students in the entire state - that means 976 school districts cover the other two-thirds. Is it any wonder that our state is broke? Adding to that calamity, we have over 1200 water districts - in addition to our 58 counties, thousands of cities, towns and special districts. My personal favorite is the Marin County Mosquito Abatement District! All are tax-payer funded. We need to have a radical agenda for our state. My proposal would include the following: no executive salaries higher than that of the Governor of California, and consolidating school districts and using the savings to hire more teachers and reduce class sizes. These are radical proposals for desperate times. As a former County Supervisor, I have seen our safety net decimated, while the state legislators enact their reductions at the local level. We need a new approach. I, respectfully, ask for your vote.

ARLYNE DIAMOND

Occupation: Businessowner/Professor

My education and qualifications are: The finest education in the country, coupled with the excitement and creativity of high tech businesses, made California the world's most desirable place to live. I've lived in Silicon Valley since the 60's and have seen our quality of life flourish—and now, I can't just stand by and watch as our fortunes decline. Jobs have left. The quality of K-12 education has deteriorated. We need outstanding leadership to help us—and California—move forward. As a small business owner and management consultant since 1981, I work with private and public organizations to help people work more effectively with each other. As a university professor teaching MBA courses, I show students how to get the best out of themselves and others. As a resident active on many community boards and commissions, I work to make our community a better and freer place for everyone. As your Assemblywoman, I will fight unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy so that jobs return to California. I will advocate for more of our tax money to be spent in the classroom rather than in the already bloated administration, and I will push to set and maintain standards for teaching excellence. My broad experience as a businesswoman, Ph.D. and academic will enable me to demonstrate that innovation and limited government will help restore California's prosperity. With your help, we can once again become a land of freedom and opportunity for all. I seek your vote for Assembly, District 25.

Candidate's Statement ALAMEDA COUNTY Supervisor, 1st District

SCOTT PATRICK HAGGERTY

Occupation: Member, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 1

My education and qualifications are: As your County Supervisor I will continue to increase the quality of life for our seniors, our children and our families by protecting the environment, practicing fiscal responsibility, reducing traffic congestion and promoting job creation. I take great pride in being your County Supervisor and I enjoy serving you. I have listened to your concerns and acted upon them, by creating partnerships to advance our community's interests. During these tough economic times I am committed to working on your behalf to ensure that the County of Alameda remains one of the strongest Counties in California. In an effort to reduce traffic congestion I serve on National and Regional Boards where I have had great success in obtaining Billions of dollars for our local transportation projects. I am proud of this and will continue making improvements along highways 580, 680 and 880 while working to improve our public transit systems. I worked diligently to extend BART to Warm Springs and recently led the effort to further extend BART eastwardly into Livermore. With proven leadership, dedication and commitment I humbly ask that you join the Deputy Sheriffs. Alameda County Fire Fighters and many other local leaders and support me for County Supervisor. www.Haggerty2012.com

Candidates' Statements ALAMEDA COUNTY Supervisor, 4th District

TOJO THOMAS

Occupation: Probation Officer

Age: 38

My education and qualifications are: Alameda County faces many challenges. The working citizens of our county are being asked to give more while at the same time they are being asked to accept less. Corruption and scandal have dominated the news about our county leaders. The politicians point fingers and assign blame as the County continues to decline. As a father of three young children, I am concerned about our schools. The bureaucrats need to understand something: excellent schools are created by excellent teachers, not by cookie-cutter approaches. If elected, I will fight for a county government which is accountable to the people it serves. Resist the platitudes and reassurances of the career politician and join me in the search for real solutions. Tojo2012.com

NATE MILEY

Occupation: County Supervisor

My education and qualifications are: It has been a privilege to serve you during my third term as Supervisor and a second year as Board President. I value and enjoy public service, and accept my responsibility with respect, integrity, and transparency. I strive to be accessible and passionately deliver services. I used my knowledge and experience to ensure a well managed and fiscally sound County. We have reserves of nearly \$500 million despite budget cuts and staff reductions. I work with our bargaining units, honoring their positions and goals. I support our community based organizations to improve the quality of life, especially for seniors and youth. Alameda County faces some major issues. I can add value to the deliberations and discourse in reaching appropriate decisions that benefit and serve the public good; eg. Measure B3 Reauthorization for vital transportation projects, Measure A for essential health care services, a new Highland Hospital Acute Tower replacement, the management of additional State mandates, the oversight of Redevelopment dissolution and the use of funds in unincorporated communities and countywide, implementation of a product stewardship ordinance for medication disposal. I have a demonstrated track record of results

(visit www.MileyForSupervisor.com). I humbly ask you to vote for me on June 5th.

Candidates' Statements ALAMEDA COUNTY Member, Board of Education, 4th Trustee Area

AISHA KNOWLES

Occupation: Alameda County Fire Department Community Educator

My education and qualifications are: I am a strong supporter of public schools. I was born and raised in Alameda County, attended local public schools, and went on to UC Berkeley. As your trustee, I will improve communication between the County Board of Education and our local community; work to better prepare our schools in fire safety and emergency preparedness; assist schools with the challenges of state budget cuts, and ensure that we are training, recruiting, and retaining quality teachers. As a community educator for the Alameda County Fire Department, I have developed meaningful partnerships with organizations that serve the most vulnerable students and families in District 4, including initiating a job training program for at-risk youth. I've been active in our community as a youth mentor and literacy tutor, and serve on the boards of Building Futures with Women and Children and Hope for the Heart, overseeing multi-million dollar budgets. As Chair of the Ashland Citizens' Advisory Committee, I helped spearhead the building of a new \$24 million teen center opening this year. I remain committed to making a difference in the lives of children and families. It would be an honor to serve you on the County Board of Education. www.aishaknowles.com

GERALDINE SONOBE

Occupation: Educator/Youth Services Provider

My education and qualifications are: Budget cuts are putting enormous pressure on our schools. We need leaders on the County Board of Education who understand what happens inside of a classroom in order to make smart investments. As a former high school teacher and as someone who works with hundreds of students daily, I will bring an essential perspective to the County Board of Education. Having spent 5 years in a high school classroom in Oakland, I now work at College Track, an after-school college access program serving over 1000 underserved students. Our mission is simple: prepare young people to succeed in college and in life. That's the same focus I will bring to the County Board of Education. I also know that the economy is putting stress on many families. As your County Board member, I will guard your tax dollars. While our schools are hurting for funds, we need to make smart investments, not just more investments, in our schools, Mv experience with and commitment to young people has prepared me for this position. I humbly ask for your vote. For more information about me or my campaign, please visit geraldine2012.com.

Candidates' Statements ALAMEDA COUNTY Superior Court Judge, Office #20

ANDREW R. WIENER

Occupation: Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

Age: 53

My education and qualifications are: Nearly three decades of experience in the courtroom and in the community have prepared me to be your Superior Court judge. I am an attorney, arbitrator, and mediator – as well as a husband, father, and volunteer – with a proven commitment to the highest ethical and professional standards. As an attorney for 27 years, I have litigated hundreds of cases, often representing victims of fraud, wrongful termination, and discrimination on the basis of gender, age and race. As an arbitrator and mediator. I have presided over complex matters in a fair and unbiased way. My public service includes appointment by Mayor Jerry Brown to Oakland's Public Ethics Commission, where I served two terms (two years as Chair), investigating complaints of ethics violations by government officials, improving access to public records, and drafting legislation to improve sunshine laws. My community service includes decades of volunteer work, from resolving disputes at homeless shelters to coaching youth soccer. Our courts need judges who know the courtroom and have the public's confidence. Please join the numerous current and former iudges. Ethics Commissioners and community leaders who support me. I respectfully ask for your vote. For more information and a list of endorsements, please visit electandrewwiener.com.

CATHERINE HALEY

Occupation: Attorney

My education and qualifications are: My belief in justice for each of us lies at the heart of my legal career. I believe our judicial system belongs to the people who will appear before me: they need to be heard and respected. My experience includes judge and jury trials in civil and criminal cases, and writing and defending appeals. For the past ten years I have been an Alameda County Judge Pro Tem. My broad experience has made me aware of many obstacles that litigants and attorneys face. My decisions will be informed by this awareness and my commitment to fairness, impartiality, and the people of Alameda County. My roots in Alameda County run three generations deep. I completed law school at the University of San Francisco as a single mother of two young children and began my practice in Oakland 19 years ago. Education: J.D., USF M.P.A., CSUEB B.A., USC electhaleyjudge.org Endorsements: Congressman Pete McCloskey; Judge Robert Freedman; Patricia Lee. Public Defender/Center on Juvenile Criminal Justice Board: Drew Johnson, Curator, Oakland Museum; Marty Weinstein, CEO, Bay Area Community Resources: Matthew Haley, ACCTLA Board: Risa Kagan, Clinical Professor, OB/GYN, UCSF; Carol Winslow Weinstein, Director, AmeriCorps*VISTA Programs, Bay Area Community Resources: Anita I. Martinez

TARA M. FLANAGAN

Occupation: Superior Court Attorney

My education and qualifications are: A Superior Court judge hears three types of cases: civil, family, and criminal. I have broad experience in all three, and I've seen both sides of each type of case. I've worked in civil litigation: consumer disputes and business law. As a Deputy District Attorney, I prosecuted criminals, and was named an "Outstanding Domestic Violence Prosecutor." As a legal aid attorney, I've helped low-income people navigate the courts, because all people deserve access to justice. I've also helped domestic violence survivors obtain restraining orders and the financial support needed to stay safe. Since 2006, I've been an Alameda County Superior Court Temporary Judge, presiding over traffic, family, and small claims cases. I believe the diversity of the court should reflect the diversity of our community. Currently, only 30% of Alameda County Superior Court Judges are women. We also need judges with real-life perspective. I was one of 7 kids raised by a single mom. I know what it's like to struggle to make ends meet. I'm committed to an efficient judicial system, which treats everyone with dignity and fairness. I'm thankful for the support of the Women Lawyers of Alameda County, and many judges and attorneys throughout the County. www.TaraFlanaganForJudge.com

Candidates' Statements CITY OF HAYWARD Council Member, At Large

FRANCISCO ZERMEÑO

Occupation: Councilman, Educator, Businessman

My education and qualifications are: Hayward, the Bay Area's 5th largest, the Heart of the Bay, is the city I love, and the one for which I have spent, and will spend all of my energy to keep safe and prosperous. All of the decisions I make as your city councilman are with the very best interests of our city, and you, my neighbors, in mind. Four years ago, I promised to help make Hayward safer, friendlier to small businesses, and to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. By working together with my council colleagues, city employees, and you, we have been able to weather the recession without sacrificing public safety. We have made it easier to start up a business. And we have focused on bringing the community together to help our local schools. There is more to do. You deserve to be safe on your way to work, school, home or play. You deserve a clean environment, with more trees and free of garbage and graffiti. Of course, we need to continue to revitalize our local economy. With your trust, I will continue to work diligently towards an Economically Vital, Safe, Clean, and Green City. I thank you warmly! Hayward on!

GREG JONES

Occupation: Hayward Business Owner

Age: 49

My education and qualifications are: As a navigator in the United States Air Force, I learned how to set clear goals, chart a direct course, understand the limits of resources and overcome obstacles. While serving as Hayward's City Manager, I used my training to set our city on a course of fiscal discipline, quality service and active community involvement. I worked with the City Council and our neighborhoods to establish two basic goals: Crime Prevention and City Cleanliness. That's because we should at least help to make people feel safe and proud of their city. A safer and cleaner Hayward will attract new investment and create jobs. I'm running for City Council because I believe that Hayward can benefit from my in-depth understanding of government finance. Hayward will benefit from my labor-relations experience working with employee groups as they struggle to best serve every neighborhood despite shrinking resources. Hayward will benefit from my ability and passion to continue working with our community on youth, education and arts programs by developing stronger, bolder, more effective policies. Please review my record and vision for Hayward at www.GreaJonesForHayward.com or call me at 510-886-GREG (4734). I hope you'll find me worthy of your vote. Thank you!

BARBARA HALLIDAY

Occupation: Hayward Council Member

Age: 62

My education and qualifications are: As a Council Member, I've focused on strengthening neighborhoods, reducing crime, enhancing our environment, revitalizing downtown, and serving children and youth. Working together, we've made great progress. I supported neighborhood partnerships throughout the city, reducing crime, blight and vandalism and giving residents tools to get more prompt and effective service from city departments. I voted to bring police closer to people by opening substations in north and south Hayward, and I supported anti-gang efforts that led to multiple arrests and less crime. I helped enact measures to reduce pollution and make our buildings greener, joined monthly efforts to clean up litter, and supported street fairs and family events bringing diners and shoppers downtown. I've advocated for our library and the volunteers it attracts to help people of all ages learn to read. Our Homework Support Center, funded with grants and operated with volunteers including myself, has already helped boost HUSD scores. As part of the team that has kept Hayward moving forward through tough times, I believe I have the proven experience to work effectively on the challenges ahead and help Hayward achieve even more success over the next four years. I'd be honored to have your support. www.HallidayForHayward.com

OLDEN HENSON

Occupation: Council Member

My education and qualifications are: I have three priorities for reelection as your City Council representative: 1) economic development, including job creation; 2) establishing a gang injunction policy and process that prevents gang activities; and 3) a strong collaborative approach with our school district focusing on district wide performance improvement. Doing so will not only help our students, but will bolster families, safety, improve our economy and the city's future. Additionally, I am now developing a sister city partnership with Lujhu, Taiwan that will allow for economic investment in Hayward, an educational and cultural exchange, and a technological partnership that will enhance the growth of our 30 plus biotechnology companies. I helped created a free student transit pass for our kids. As a national expert on first responder communication, I am endorsed by the Hayward firefighters. Communication is critically important for this community's safety. Havward can be the community we want it to be and I, as your Council Member will lead the effort to make these priorities functional living examples. Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you. Reelect your Council Member Olden Henson on June 5, 2012. www.henson4hayward.com

Candidates' Statements CITY OF HAYWARD Council Member, At Large

AL MENDALL

Occupation: Engineer / Planning Commissioner

My education and qualifications are: Hayward is a great city—the "Heart of the Bay." That's why I've been serving Hayward for over a decade: as a community volunteer, Planning Commissioner, Citizens Advisory Commissioner, and on the Sustainability Committee. I work in Hayward, my wife and I purchased our first home here, and we've chosen to raise our young children here. On the Planning Commission, I've worked closely with many current and prospective business owners, pushed for more collaboration with the community on development, and fought for more parks, open space, and greener, smarter, transit-oriented development. My priorities as your Councilmember will be: Maintaining staffing levels for police and fire and making Hayward safer, simplifying the business permitting process and creating incentives for businesses to invest here and create jobs and shopping opportunities, making genuine improvements in Hayward's appearance by combating blight, putting Hayward on a more sustainable path both fiscally and environmentally, and making Hayward a more youth-friendly city. I appreciate the support I've received from the Hayward Firefighters and Police Officers, former Sheriff Charlie Plummer, Mayor Mike Sweeney, Councilmembers Marvin Peixoto, Bill Quirk, and many more. www.AlForHayward.com

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MEASURE B

To provide College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College and Berkeley City College secure funds that cannot be taken by the state, and

YES

NO

support affordable college education including: providing core academic programs including math, science and English; training students for successful careers; and educating students to transfer to university; shall Peralta Community College District levy \$48 per parcel annually for 8 years with Citizens' Oversight, no funds for administrators' salaries, and all funds spent in our college district?

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE B

ANALYSIS BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure B is a Peralta Community College District ("District") special parcel tax measure. Measure B seeks voter approval of an annual special parcel tax on all parcels for a period of eight years, beginning July 1, 2012. This measure would levy forty-eight dollars (\$48.00) on each parcel within the District annually.

Community college districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on the special tax proposals pursuant to the provisions of Article XIIIA, Section 4 and Article XIIIC, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075-50077, 50079.1, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the special tax described above will be imposed annually for eight years. The tax will be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector at the same time and in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes are collected. This measure exempts those parcels that are already otherwise exempt from taxation.

If this measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot, including: maintaining core academic programs, such as math, science, and English; training students for their careers; and preparing students to transfer to four-year universities. The measure provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for separately and shall be expended only for those specified purposes. The monies collected will not be used to pay administrators' salaries or benefits. The chief fiscal officer of the District will monitor the collection and expenditures of the special tax funds and file annual reports with the Board of Trustees. An independent citizens' oversight committee shall monitor the expenditures of the monies and shall report annually to the community.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure B, which Measure is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acgov.org/rov/.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE B

Peralta Community College District

We urge you to vote YES on B. Our local community colleges have been hit hard by State budget cuts. Funding for the Peralta Colleges - Berkeley City College, College of Alameda and Laney and Merritt Colleges in Oakland - has been cut by \$30 million in the last three years. Nearly 4,000 students have been turned away from classes.

Core academic and vocational courses are overcrowded and unavailable for students. Measure B will help students get the classes they need to prepare for college and future careers.

As the cost of four-year college continues to rise, the Peralta Colleges provide an essential safety net for local students. Career training programs prepare students for the 21st century, helping students enter the local workforce and attracting businesses to our community.

Vote YES on B to provide locally controlled funding for our community colleges that the State can't take away.

Measure B will:

- Protect core academic programs in science, math and English
- Maintain programs to prepare students for jobs and careers
- Attract and retain high quality teachers and faculty
- Assure adequate staffing levels in areas that support student access to classes and services
- Help students get into the classes they need
- Provide programs to prepare students for transfer to four-year college
- Update computer and instructional technology

Every penny will stay in our community:

- Funds cannot be taken away by the State
- Independent citizens' oversight will ensure funds are spent as promised
- No funds will be used for administrators' salaries

Our community colleges serve Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland and Piedmont. By investing in our local community colleges, we can help students stay on the right track and off of social services.

Vote YES on B to protect our community colleges so local students can succeed in college and find quality jobs.

s/Sandré R. Swanson

Assembly Member, 16th District

s/Joseph J Haraburda

CEO - Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

s/Tom Bates

Mayor, City of Berkeley

s/Margie Sherratt

President, Alameda USD Board of Trustees/Retired Teacher and Principal

s/Tae-Soon Park

Vice President, Peralta Federation of Teachers and Merritt College Academic Senate President

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B WAS SUBMITTED.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE B

Peralta Community College District Exhibit A to Resolution No. 11-12/27

INTRODUCTION

To provide College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College and Berkeley City College secure funds that cannot be taken by the state, and support affordable college education including: providing core academic programs including math, science, and English; training students for successful careers; and educating students to transfer to university; shall Peralta Community College District levy \$48 per parcel annually for 8 years with Citizens'Oversight, no funds for administrators' salaries, and all funds spent in our college district?

Yes No

This Measure provides the additional funding required to protect and maintain Peralta Community College District's high-quality educational programs.

PURPOSES

If two thirds of those voting approve this Measure, Peralta Community College District (the "District") will be authorized to levy a special tax to (1) provide the College of Alameda, Laney College, Merritt College, and Berkeley City College secure funds that cannot be taken away by the State, and (2) support affordable college education for the following purposes:

- A. Protect and maintain core academic programs including math, science, and English;
- B. Train students for successful careers; and
- C. Prepare students for transfer to four-year universities

The Board of Trustees will fund all of the programs listed above, unless it determines in any given year that changes in student population, fiscal constraints, or other changes in state or federal funding make doing so infeasible or inadvisable. The Board of Trustees will not be allowed to use the proceeds of the special tax to fund any program other than those listed above, and will not be allowed to use those proceeds for administrators' salaries or benefits. The special tax will be levied for a period of eight (8) years, beginning July 1, 2012, at the rate shown below, on each assessor's parcel located wholly or partly within the District.

RATE

The special tax shall be levied on all parcels of property in the District, except where those parcels are otherwise exempt from taxation. The tax levied shall be at the rate of forty-eight dollars (\$48) per parcel per year, on all residential, commercial, industrial and institutional parcels, irrespective of whether those parcels are improved or unimproved.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE MEASURES

In accordance with the requirements of Sections 50075.1 and 50075.3 of the Government Code, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the special taxes levied in accordance with this Measure:

- (a) Proceeds from the special tax shall be deposited into a resource fund which shall be kept separate and apart from other funds in the District and shall be applied only as set forth in this Measure.
- (b) An Annual Report, including proceeds from the special tax, the expenditures of those monies and the status of any projects funded by those monies, shall be produced by the Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Trustees no later than January 1 of the year following the fiscal year during which the monies were spent.

CITY OF ALAMEDA MEASURE C

To maintain neighborhood crime patrols, fire protection and 911 emergency response; improve earthquake preparedness; replace an unsafe

YES

NO

fire station; establish a citywide Emergency Operations Center, a joint police/fire training facility, library, cultural and recreational facilities; replace outdated police/fire vehicles and equipment; and for other capital equipment and facilities, shall the City of Alameda enact a one-half cent sales tax, with all revenue staying in the City, mandatory annual audits and public expenditure reports?

CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE C

CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC SAFETY AND 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURE

The City of Alameda Public Safety and 911 Emergency Response Measure proposes to raise revenue to secure neighborhood crime patrols, fire protection and 911 emergency response, replace an unsafe fire station, establish a citywide Emergency Operations Center and a joint police and fire training facility, and replace outdated police and fire vehicles and equipment. The Measure would also fund library, cultural and recreational facilities, including preservation of the historic Carnegie library, and construction of swimming facilities. The revenue will be raised by authorizing a temporary special transactions and use tax ("sales tax") of one-half of a cent (0.50%), and approving an ordinance adding Section 3-63 to the Alameda Municipal Code. The tax would be paid in addition to the current state and local sales taxes and would be collected at the same time and in the same manner as existing sales taxes. Because the Measure is a special tax, revenue must be placed in the restricted fund and used for specified purposes. The State cannot take the revenue from the Measure for its own use.

California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.91 authorizes the City to levy or increase a transactions and use tax (i.e. "sales tax") for specific purposes as set forth by the City, if the ordinance proposing the tax is approved by at least two-thirds of the qualified voters of the city voting in an election on that issue. If approved, the tax would add a half-cent to the price of an item that costs a dollar, or \$0.50 the price of an item that costs \$100. Currently. the tax on retail sales in Alameda is 8.75% of the purchase price. Of that amount, 6.25% goes to the State, 0.5% goes to Alameda County for the County hospital, 0.5% goes to countywide transportation, including projects in Alameda, 0.5% goes to BART, and 1% goes to the City of Alameda. This Measure, if approved by the voters, would increase the total sales tax rate on retail sales in Alameda to 9.25%. Of the total rate, 0.50% would go to public safety facilities and equipment, and library, cultural and recreational facilities. If approved, the tax would become operative on October 1, 2012. The tax imposed by the ordinance will automatically sunset and will no longer be collected thirty (30) years after it becomes operative.

The sales tax increase will be subject an expenditure plan and a yearly independent and publicly available audit. The City Manager is required to recertify the plan of expenditures at the time of submittal of the budget to the City Council. The City Council is prohibited from using these funds to replace General Fund dollars budgeted for normal operations at the previous year's service levels.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to approve the half-cent tax for thirty years, with annual audits. A "No" vote is a vote against the tax. The Measure would be approved if it received a two-thirds majority of "Yes" votes.

s/JANET C. KERN City Attorney

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE C

Alameda's unique quality of life comes from its long history as a family friendly place to live and work. Our quality of life depends on having a solid foundation of safety, and good access to cultural and recreational opportunities. Measure C preserves our history, while protecting our future.

When you call 911, lives depend on a reliable system and fast emergency response from police officers, firefighters and paramedics. Measure C will keep Alameda safe by modernizing 911 emergency response to maintain neighborhood crime patrols, fire protection, earthquake preparedness; replaces a condemned fire station in the heart of Alameda; repairs three aging fire stations, a citywide Emergency Operations Center, and constructs a training facility for our first responders and Citizens Emergency Response Teams. Measure C replaces outdated police and fire vehicles that have been used beyond their service life. These facilities are vital to protecting Alameda residents during an earthquake, or other disaster.

Cultural and recreational opportunities are important components to Alameda's quality of life, for everyone, especially our youth. Measure C rebuilds unsafe facilities such as the Carnegie Library, Alameda's Swim Center, and pays for the construction of an all-weather, lighted sports field for our community.

Measure C funds stay in Alameda and cannot be taken away by Sacramento politicians. The money must legally be used in Alameda to protect our safety and quality of life. All revenues will be scrutinized through mandatory, independent annual audits and public expenditure reports. Alameda firefighters, police officers, business owners and taxpayers urge a YES vote on Measure C. During a fire, crime or medical emergency, we need our first responders fast and prepared. As island residents, we must be prepared to protect lives during an earthquake or other disaster.

Let's preserve our history, and protect our future. Vote YES on Measure C.

s/Honora Murphy
Library Supporter
s/Barry Parker
Swimmer
s/Ellen Jean Graham Gilliat
Resident
s/Thomas Cobb
Police Officer
s/Domenick Weaver
Fire Captain

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE C WAS SUBMITTED.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE C

CITY OF ALAMEDA ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL CODE
BY ADDING SECTION 3-63 (TRANSACTION AND
USE TAX) TO PART C (USE TAX) OF DIVISION IX
(TAXES) OF ARTICLE II (TAXATION) OF CHAPTER
III (FINANCE AND TAXATION) IMPOSING A
SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO
BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda—like all California cities—has faced decreasing revenues, increasing Sacramento money grabs and increased costs of providing essential city services and facilities residents rely upon; and

WHEREAS, the City has maintained a balanced budget by reducing spending in all City departments, lowering service levels, and deferring essential capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda has a budget shortfall of \$4.4 million in FY 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, without additional revenue the City will have no choice other than to make additional cuts to address the \$4.4 million budget shortfall in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and the ongoing shortfalls over the next five years, which will prevent the City from undertaking necessary capital projects; and

WHEREAS, without additional revenue the City of Alameda will be unable to provide the vehicles and facilities for police officers and firefighters necessary for quick and effective response, provide swimming facilities, and make improvements to the historic Carnegie building, as well as other public safety, recreational, and cultural facilities and equipment needs; and

WHEREAS, with police and fire protection comprising over 60% of the City's general fund budget, the City cannot avoid more cuts to public safety, resulting in longer 9-1-1 emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, a locally enacted revenue measure would provide funding for necessary public safety facilities, equipment, and one Emergency Operations Coordinator and for recreation and cultural facilities; and

WHEREAS, at its June 28, 2011 meeting, the City Council adopted a budget for FY 2011-12 that recognized the need for additional revenue to maintain and preserve the level of services desired by residents of the City and to provide the public safety facilities and equipment and recreation and cultural facilities that the community needs; and

WHEREAS, at its March 7, 2012 meeting, the Council considered calling a special election to seek voter approval of a proposed special transactions and use tax or ("sales tax"), as authorized by Revenue and Taxation Code section 7285.91; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting the City Council concluded that all of the information presented indicated that, to obtain the revenue necessary to maintain and preserve service levels, the Council should call an election to ask the voters of the City to approve a local transactions and use tax, the revenue from which could be used to support pub-

lic safety vehicles and facilities, swimming facilities, and improvements to the historic Carnegie building, as well as other public safety, recreational, and cultural facilities and equipment needs; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the foregoing, the City Council determined that it was appropriate to place a measure regarding a special transactions and use (sales) tax before the voters at the June 5, 2012, election; and

WHEREAS, this measure would create a guaranteed source of local funding for our essential city facilities that cannot be taken by Sacramento, ensuring our tax dollars are spent locally for City of Alameda residents; and

WHEREAS, the tax, if approved, would be imposed on the sale of tangible personal property and the storage, use, or other consumption of such property. The tax rate would be one half of one percent (0.50%) (a half cent for each dollar) of the sales price of the property. The tax revenue would be collected by the State Board of Equalization and remitted to the City. The tax would be in effect for 30 years and would then expire automatically, unless extended by the voters. The tax shall be approved if the measure receives at least a two-thirds majority of affirmative votes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City of Alameda that:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Alameda Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding new Sections 3-63 through 3-63.15, inclusive, (Transaction and Use Tax) to Part C (Use Tax) of Division IX (Taxes) of Article II (Taxation) of Chapter III (Finance and Taxation) to read as follows:

3-63 TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX 3-63.1 Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the City of Alameda Special Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance. The City of Alameda hereinafter shall be called "City." This ordinance shall be applicable in the incorporated territory of the City.

3-63.2 Operative Date.

"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance, the date of such adoption being as set forth below.

3-63.3 Purpose.

This ordinance is adopted to achieve the following, among other purposes, and directs that the provisions hereof be interpreted in order to accomplish those purposes:

- a. To impose a retail transactions and use tax in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285.91 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the City to adopt this tax ordinance which shall be operative if a two-thirds majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
- b. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

- c. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the State Board of Equalization in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to and requires the least possible deviation from the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the State Board of Equalization in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.
- d. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be to the greatest degree possible consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes and at the same time minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this ordinance.

3-63.4 Contract with State.

Prior to the operative date the City shall contract with the State Board of Equalization to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance provided that if the City shall not have contracted with the State Board of Equalization prior to the operative date it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

3-63.5 Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the incorporated territory of the City at the rate of 0.50 percent of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

3-63.6 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this ordinance all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out of state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out of state destination The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the State Board of Equalization.

3-63.7 Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage use or other consumption in the City of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of 0.50 percent of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

3-63.8 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and ex-

cept insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

3-63.9 Limitations On Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.

In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

- a. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this City shall be substituted therefor. However the substitution shall not be made when:
- 1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller State Treasurer State Board of Control State Board of Equalization State Treasury or the Constitution of the State of California; or
- 2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this City or any agency officer or employee thereof rather than by or against the State Board of Equalization in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this Ordinance; or
- 3. In those sections including but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California where the result of the substitution would be to:
 - a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales storage use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales storage use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or
 - b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales storage use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the state under the said provision of that code.
- 4. In Sections 6701 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof) 6711 6715 6737 6797 or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- b. The word "City" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

3-63.10 Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code an additional transactor's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

3-63.11 Exemptions and Exclusions.

a. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, city and county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

- b. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:
 - 1. Sales of tangible personal property other than fuel or petroleum products to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the county in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State the United States or any foreign government; or
 - 2. Sales of property to be used outside the City which is shipped to a point outside the City pursuant to the contract of sale by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point For the purposes of this paragraph delivery to a point outside the City shall be satisfied:
 - a. With respect to vehicles other than commercial vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out of City address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury signed by the buyer stating that such address is in fact his or her principal place of residence; and
 - b. With respect to commercial vehicles by registration to a place of business out-of-City and declaration under penalty of perjury signed by the buyer that the vehicle will be operated from that address.
 - 3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance; or
 - 4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.
- c. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance the storage use or other consumption in this City of tangible personal property:
 - 1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any administered transactions and use tax ordinance; or
 - 2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State the United States or any foreign government This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 61366 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California; or

- 3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance; or
- 4. If the possession of or the exercise of any right or power over the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance; or
- 5. For the purposes of subparagraphs 3 and 4 of this section storage use or other consumption or possession of or exercise of any right or power over tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice whether or not such right is exercised; or
- 6. Except as provided in subparagraph 7 a retailer engaged in business in the City shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the City or participates within the City in making the sale of the property including but not limited to soliciting or receiving the order either directly or indirectly at a place of business of the retailer in the City or through any representative agent canvasser solicitor subsidiary or person in the City under the authority of the retailer; or
- 7. "A retailer engaged in business in the City" shall also include any retailer of any of the following vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle vessel or aircraft at an address in the City.
- d. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a district imposing or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

3-63.12 Amendments.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code shall automatically become a part of this ordinance provided however that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

3-63.13 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit action or proceeding in any court against the State or the City or against any officer of the State or the City to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

3-63.14 Expenditure Plan.

The expenditure plan required by Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.91(c) for the revenue from the tax approved by this Chapter is the following: The City may use revenue from the tax only for the following purposes: police, fire, and other public safety facilities and equipment; parks and recreation facilities and equipment; cultural facilities; and funding for one position to serve as Emergency Operations Coordinator. Expenditures related to facilities may include (1) preconstruction costs, including but not limited to architectural, engineering, and planning services, (2) construction management, and (3) costs associated with the temporary relocation of existing facilities during planning and construction. Examples of authorized projects include, without limitation, fire station replacement, an Emergency Operations Center, police and fire vehicles, a police/fire joint training facility, a lighted, all weather multi-purpose sports field, library and public swim facilities. The City Council may choose not to pursue any particular project listed among those examples, may substitute unidentified but similar projects for those listed, and may decided the order in which projects are initiated and completed, as long as expenditures of revenue from the tax are consistent with the general categories of projects listed in this section.

3-63.15 Annual Audit

By no later than December 31 of each year after the operative date, the city's independent auditors shall complete a report reviewing the collection, management and expenditure of revenue from the tax levied by this chapter. The report shall be reviewed by the City Council as part of its review of the annual audit.

3-63.16 Termination Date.

The authority to levy the tax imposed by this Chapter shall expire on the thirtieth anniversary of the last day of the calendar quarter preceding the operative date.

Section 2. Environmental Compliance.

The tax approved by this Ordinance is not a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), which states that a project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Accordingly, no CEQA review is required.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the City transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED by the following vote of the People of the City of Alameda on June 5, 2012:

YESES

NOES

DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE E

Education BONDS-YES Quality "Dublin and Safe Classrooms Mea**sure.** To protect quality education with funding that cannot be taken by

BONDS-NO

the State, shall Dublin Unified School District update/ replace aging classrooms/science labs; provide 21st century computers/technology/classrooms; ensure classrooms meet safety codes; prevent student overcrowding; and improve energy/operational efficiency and utilize savings for teachers/instruction, by issuing \$99 million in bonds at legal rates, with independent oversight, no money for administrators, and all funds staying in Dublin?"

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE E

ANALYSIS BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF THE DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOND MEASURE**

Measure E, a Dublin Unified School District ("District") bond measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to cause general obligation bonds to be issued and sold in a principal amount not to exceed ninety-nine million dollars (\$99,000,000.00) at interest rates within the statutory limit. The primary purpose of the bonds is to finance specific school facilities projects in the measure.

Pursuant to California Constitution Section 18 of Article XVI and Section 1 of Article XIIIA and California Education Code Section 15274, this measure will become effective upon the affirmative vote of at least 55% of the qualified electors voting on this measure.

California Education Code Section 15100 restricts the use of the proceeds from the bonds sale to construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, and the acquisition of real property for school facilities. In addition, proceeds may only be used for the projects listed in the measure. Measure E provides that its proceeds will fund projects outlined in the measure (reproduced in the sample ballot) that include, among others: updating school facilities to meet current fire, emergency, and safety codes; updating science and computer laboratories; providing up-to-date technology; and improving energy efficiency. Proceeds may not be used for any other purpose, such as administrator salaries.

If 55% of those who vote on the measure vote "yes", the District will be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed ninety-nine million dollars (\$99,000,000.00). Approval of this measure will authorize a levy on the assessed value of taxable property within the District by an amount needed to pay the principal and interest on these bonds in each year that the bonds are outstanding.

The Tax Rate Statement for Measure E in this Voter Pamphlet reflects the District's best estimates, based upon currently available data and projections, of the property tax rates required to service the bonds. The best estimate of the average tax rate required to be levied to fund the

bonds is 2.9¢ (two point nine cents) per \$100.00 (one hundred dollars), which is \$29.00 (twenty-nine dollars) per \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars), of the assessed valuation of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls. The highest tax rate estimated to be levied to fund the bonds is the same as the average tax rate estimate, as set forth more fully in the Tax Rate Statement in this Voter Pamphlet.

An independent citizens' oversight committee will monitor the bond expenditures.

If 55% of those voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail and the District will not be authorized to issue the bonds.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure E, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acgov.org/rov/.

TAX RATE STATEMENT OF BOND MEASURE E TAX RATE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH DUBLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS ON JUNE 5, 2012

An election will be held in the Dublin Unified School District (the "District") on June 5, 2012, on the question of whether to authorize up to \$99,000,000 in bonds to be issued by the District to finance school facilities as described in the ballot measure. If the bonds are approved, the District expects to sell the bonds in three series over time. Principal and interest on the bonds will be paid from taxes levies on the taxable property in the District. The information contained in numbered paragraphs 1 – 3 below is provided in compliance with Sections 9400-9404 of the Elections Code of the State of California. This information is based on the best estimates and projections presently available from official sources, experience within the District and other demonstrable factors.

- 1. The best estimate of the tax which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the first series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 2.9ϕ per \$100 (\$29.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2013-14.
- 2. The best estimate of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue during the first fiscal year after the sale of the last series of bonds, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is $2.9 \, \text{¢}$ per \$100 (\$29.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.
- 3. The best estimate of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, 2.9ϕ per \$100 (\$29.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation in fiscal year 2017-18.
- 4. The best estimate of the average annual tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund this bond issue through the entire repayment period, based on estimated assessed valuations available at the time of filing of this statement, is 2.9¢ per \$100 (\$29.00 per \$100,000) of assessed valuation.

Voters should note that the estimated tax rates are based on the ASSESSED VALUE of taxable property on the County's official tax rolls, <u>not</u> on the property's market value. Property owners should consult their own property tax bills to determine their property's assessed value and any applicable tax exemptions.

Attention of all voters is directed to the fact that the foregoing information is based upon the District's projections and estimates only, which is not binding upon the District. The actual tax rates and the years in which they will apply may vary from those presently estimated, due to variations from these estimates in the timing of bond sales, the amount of bonds sold and market interest rates at the time of each

sale, and actual assessed valuations over the term of repayment of the bonds. The dates of sale and the amount of bonds sold at any given time will be determined by the District based on its need for construction funds and other factors, including the legal limitations on bonds approved by a 55% vote. The actual interest rates at which the bonds will be sold will depend on the bond market at the time of each sale. Actual future assessed valuation will depend upon the amount and value of taxable property within the District as determined by the County Assessor in the annual assessment and the equalization process.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

s/Stephen L. Hanke Superintendent Dublin Unified School District

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE E Dublin Unified School District

Vote YES on E for locally controlled funding for Dublin schools that cannot be taken away by the State.

By law, no Measure E funds can be used for administrator salaries, benefits or pensions for school employees.

Measure E will:

- Help Dublin schools qualify for millions in matching state and federal funds
- Ensure developers pay their fair share for school construction when they build homes that increase school enrollment

Voting Yes on E will provide all Dublin students with equal access to high-quality educational facilities. All Dublin schools will receive their fair share.

Some local schools are over 40 years old and badly need upgrades to provide safe and modern classrooms, science labs and 21st century technology.

Other schools have increasing enrollment and Measure E will help avoid overcrowding even if the State fails to provide adequate funding.

Improving energy/operational efficiency will save millions to protect core academic classes and retain highly qualified teachers.

Measure E will create environments that help Dublin students succeed, prepare for college and compete for 21st century jobs.

Voting Yes on E will:

- Protect quality academic instruction in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- Remove hazardous materials like lead and asbestos
- Update fire, security and emergency communication systems
- Ensure access for students with disabilities
- Provide modern science labs and 21st century technology
- Prevent student overcrowding
- Maintain schools to protect taxpayer investments

Mandatory taxpayer protections:

- Every penny stays in Dublin
- Funds cannot be taken by Sacramento
- Independent oversight/annual audits required
- No funds for administrators or salary/benefit increases

Dublin has some of California's best schools. Great schools make our neighborhoods more desirable and protect property values.

Vote Yes on E to continue Dublin's tradition of educational excellence.

s/Jan Cohen

Dublin Teacher of the Year

s/Irene Padnos

Parent/Resident

s/Tim Sbranti

Mayor, City of Dublin

s/Janet Lockhart

Exec. Director, Dublin Educational Foundation

s/Valerie A. Barnes

Former City Council Member

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF BOND MEASURE E

DUSD has been very careful to incorporate into their argument catch phrases that polled very well. Their argument never explains how replacing existing portable classrooms at some elementary schools can "Prevent Student Overcrowding" when their own projections show that many elementary schools will be beyond capacity in less than two years. This is just more of the same reactionary planning by listing every school on the Expenditure Plan without specifics.

Dublin voters are tired of being fooled by propaganda. Previously we approved Measures B and C that provided the DUSD with over \$200 million to upgrade our schools. Unfortunately, they have been unable to "remove hazardous materials like lead and asbestos" or add "emergency communications". There is no guarantee that the money spent on this bond measure will be spent with any more care than the last two bond measures. Measure E will only implement a portion of the remaining District needs.

Stop DUSD from wasting money without a specific plan. Did you know that the recent mailer you received recommending support for this measure was paid for with your previously approved bond funds? Force DUSD to come up with a plan that is based on careful analysis of District needs that we can all support in November. We need to Save Dublin Schools before we run out of the ability to tax ourselves. Should we buy new technology including computers with a four year lifespan utilizing long-term debt?

Please join us in voting NO on Measure E

s/John Fitzpatrick
Owner
s/Robert Lyall
Owner
s/George Williams
Taxpayer
s/Kevin Payne
Owner
s/Dan Cherrier
Chairman-Measure C Citizen's Oversight Committee

ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE E

Many of us share a desire to provide our children with the best possible learning environment. Unfortunately, Measure E is not the answer. Measures B&C were supposed to upgrade our clasrooms and provide our children with the proper facilities for many years to come. Measure C (approved in 2004) at \$184 million was one of the largest bond measures in the history of state education. It has failed to deliver as promised due to a clear lack of vision by the School District: the bond did not identify clearly defined projects with a need based priority. Spending has lacked a specific plan and has been very haphazard. Improvements were made at an elementary school that closed shortly afterwards, mass purchases of Smart Boards were made quickly and without complete teacher input, with the result that much of the equipment sits unused in classrooms. The sad fact is that Dublin residents will be paying interest on the bonds used to fund these boondoggles until after 2044.

Read the Measure E Expenditure Plan and you will find that close to 40% is for undefined "technology systems and asset maintenance". This is once again money that the District can spend without any clearly defined vision or plan. The number one short term issue facing the District is projected elementary school overcrowding, an issue that Measure E does not even address.

Vote No on Measure E and allow the District a chance to come up with a plan for the next election that shows long term vision, is specific and ranks improvements based on need. We are already paying for past mistakes; let us not perpetuate the 30 years of bond interest payments that are already in front of us without a well conceived plan. Let's get this right!

Vote No on E.

s/John Fitzpatrick
Tax Payer
s/Rebecca Payne
Resident/Tax Payer
s/Robert Lyall
Resident
s/Gary Anderson
Resident
s/George Williams
Resident

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST BOND MEASURE E Dublin Unified School District

The opponents have their facts <u>completely wrong</u>. Here's the truth:

<u>FACT:</u> Dublin's last school facility measure was designed to fund the first phase of urgent projects. Priorities were guided by hundreds of pages of detailed facility master plans for each school.

<u>FACT:</u> The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and independent audits confirm that all projects were completed on time, under budget and consistent with promises made to voters. (Read the reports at http://www.dublin.k12.ca.us and click CBOC)

"The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, Dublin Unified School District expended Measure C General Obligation Bond funds only for the specific projects developed by the District's Board of Trustees and approved by the voters." (Report of Independent Auditors, Crowe Horwath LLP, January 20, 2012)

<u>FACT:</u> Maintaining up-to-date technology is essential for continuing Dublin's rising student achievement and preparing students for college and 21st-century careers.

<u>FACT:</u> Measure E specifically addresses school over-crowding:

"The following repair, upgrade and construction projects will be completed... Provide additional classrooms, school facilities and/or a potential new school to accommodate growth in student enrollment." (Measure E, Full Text, pg. A-2)

FACT: Measure E's prioritized projects for each school were developed with input from parents, teachers, staff and the community. Ongoing mandatory oversight and independent audits guarantee strict accountability. No funds can be taken by Sacramento or be used for administrator salaries.

Dublin's most trusted leaders support Measure E because it is a carefully crafted plan for continued excellence in Dublin schools.

Please vote Yes on E.

s/Scott Haggerty

Alameda Co. Supervisor, Resident

s/Denis King

Past President of the Citizen's Bond Oversight Comm.

s/Ron Hubbard

5th Gr. Teacher, Tech. Coach

s/William (Bill) Schaub

Dublin Planning Commissioner

s/Donald (Don) Biddle

City Council Member

FULL TEXT OF BOND MEASURE E APPENDIX A

Dublin Quality Education and Safe Classrooms Measure BALLOT MEASURE

FULL TEXT

"Dublin Quality Education and Safe Classrooms Measure. To protect quality education with funding that cannot be taken by the State, shall Dublin Unified School District update/replace aging classrooms/science labs; provide 21st century computers/technology/classrooms; ensure classrooms meet safety codes; prevent student overcrowding; and improve energy/operational efficiency and utilize savings for teachers/instruction, by issuing \$99 million in bonds at legal rates, with independent oversight, no money for administrators, and all funds staying in Dublin?"

Bonds-Yes

Bonds-No

Purpose of the Measure

Local elementary, middle and high schools are among the best in California. Dublin Unified School District is focused on providing a top-quality education to prepare students for college and 21st-century careers. Rigorous academic programs emphasize science, technology, engineering and math. Students earn top scores on statewide exams, and scores continue to increase year after year. Exceptional teachers, a strong curriculum, safe and up-to-date classrooms and the support of our local community are key to maintaining our students' success.

In 2004, Dublin voters approved the first phase of upgrades at our schools. In 2004, over 73% of Dublin voters approved Measure C to fund the first phase of urgent safety repairs at our schools. Measure C renovated and repaired classrooms to ensure student safety and accommodate a growing student enrollment. The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee reviews all Measure C expenditures, and all projects have been completed on time and under budget. Although much has been accomplished, Measure C was intended to complete only the first phase of upgrades and additional urgent upgrades are needed.

The next phase will ensure all students have access to safe and modern classrooms. To complete the next phase of facility improvements and protect the quality of education in our schools, the "Dublin Quality Education and Safe Classrooms Measure" is on the ballot to:

- Protect quality education in core subjects like math, science, reading and writing
- Update science and computer labs for all students
- Provide up-to-date computers and academic technology
- Update classrooms and facilities to meet current fire, emergency and safety codes
- Prevent student overcrowding
- Improve energy efficiency to provide ongoing savings to fund teachers and instruction

This measure would make Dublin schools more efficient and help the economy. DUSD has an excellent record of

using local funds to help secure matching funds from the state and federal government. By upgrading and repairing our schools now, we can take advantage of matching funds, historically low interest rates and low construction costs, while creating good paying jobs for local residents to help get our economy back on track. Plus, the local measure would improve energy-efficiency in our classrooms, providing millions in savings so our schools can protect core academic classes and retain qualified teachers.

All funds would stay local to support our schools and cannot be taken by Sacramento. Every penny from the measure would benefit Dublin schools. The funds would be controlled locally and could not be taken away by the State or go to other communities. No funds could be used to increase benefits, salaries or pensions for administrators, teachers or other school employees. Independent citizens' oversight would continue to ensure all funds are spent appropriately and as promised.

Project List

The following repair, upgrade and construction projects will be completed at existing and potential future school facilities in the District, as necessary:

- Provide modern technology and computers to support 21st-century education
- Provide up-to-date science and computer labs
- Provide classrooms and instructional facilities that prepare students for college and careers
- Modernize, renovate or replace aging classrooms and school facilities
- Replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Modernize classrooms and educational facilities to meet current safety codes
- Provide modern fire-detection, alarms, and emergency communications systems and other upgrades to ensure safety
- Provide additional classrooms, school facilities and/or a potential new school to accommodate growth in student enrollment
- Complete deferred maintenance projects at all district sites to provide safe, well-maintained facilities and/or classrooms
- Upgrade, renovate, repair and construct, as needed, facilities supporting student services, including the District Office, multi-purpose rooms, and other school facilities
- Improve energy and operational efficiency to reduce maintenance and operating costs
- Improve security systems and exterior lights for safety
- Update school library facilities
- Renovate and/or expand tacks, fields, play areas and protective play surfaces to meet safety standards
- Repair or replace outdated heating, lighting, electrical or sewer systems

Projects by campus may include:

Dougherty Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Replace portable classrooms with permanent classrooms
- Repair or replace aging restrooms
- Repair, replace or modernize classrooms and school facilities
- Provide new Kindergarten classrooms and facilities
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Dublin Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Modernize or replace aging classrooms, student support facilities and school facilities with modern classrooms and facilities
- Update or replace school library facilities
- Repair or replace aging restrooms

Frederiksen Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Modernize, repair or replace aging classrooms and school facilities
- Renovate multi-purpose room and kitchen area to efficiently prepare food and serve students in a safe and sanitary environment
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Green Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Kolb Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Murray Elementary

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Modernize, repair or replace aging classrooms and school facilities
- Renovate multi-purpose room and student support facilities
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Nielsen Elementary

• Complete deferred maintenance projects to pro-

vide safe, well-maintained facilities

Fallon Middle

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Provide up-to-date science labs and specialty classrooms
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms
- Provide additional classrooms and student support facilities

Wells Middle

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Upgrade, repair or replace aging classrooms
- Upgrade, repair or replace student support facilities
- Repair/replace classrooms, student support facilities and parking lot/drop off area
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms

Dublin High

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained classrooms
- Provide up-to-date science labs, engineering classrooms and other classrooms
- Provide additional classrooms to support student achievement
- Provide 21st century health and physical education facilities for school and community use, including an aquatics center

Valley High

- Provide modern classroom technology and computers
- Renovate, repair or replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Renovate or replace aging classrooms to support student achievement
- Repair or replace outdated heating, lighting, electrical or sewer systems
- Complete deferred maintenance projects to provide safe, well-maintained school facilities

Project Costs

Each project is assumed to include its share of furniture, equipment, architectural, engineering, and similar planning costs, program/project management, staff training expenses, site acquisition costs, if applicable, and a customary contingency for unforeseen design and construction costs. In addition to the listed projects stated above, the Project List also includes the acquisition of a variety of instructional, maintenance and operational equipment; installation of signage and fencing; payment of the costs of preparation of all facility planning, facility studies, assessment reviews, facility master plan preparation and updates,

environmental studies (including environmental investigation, remediation and monitoring), design and construction documentation, and temporary housing of dislocated District activities caused by construction projects. In addition to the projects listed above, the repair and renovation of each of the existing school facilities may include, but not be limited to, some or all of the following: renovation of student and staff restrooms; repair and replacement of heating and ventilation systems; upgrade of facilities for energy efficiencies; repair and replacement of worn-out and leaky roofs, windows, walls, doors and drinking fountains; installation of wiring and electrical systems to safely accommodate computers, technology and other electrical devices and needs; upgrades or construction of support facilities, including administrative, physical education and performing arts buildings and maintenance yards; repair and replacement of fire alarms, emergency communications and security systems; resurfacing or replacing of hard courts, turf and irrigation systems and campus landscaping; expand parking; install interior and exterior painting and floor covering; demolition; and construction of various forms of storage and support spaces, upgrade classrooms, repair, upgrade and install interior and exterior lighting systems; replace outdated security fences and security systems. The upgrading of technology infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, computers, LCD projectors, portable interface devices, servers, switches, routers, modules, sound projection systems, laser printers, digital white boards, document projectors, upgrade voice-over-IP, call manager and network security/firewall, wireless technology systems and other miscellaneous equipment and software.

The allocation of bond proceeds will be affected by the District's receipt of State matching funds and the final costs of each project. In the absence of State matching funds, which the District will aggressively pursue to reduce the District's share of the costs of the projects, the District will not be able to complete some of the projects listed above. The budget for each project is an estimate and may be affected by factors beyond the District's control. Some projects throughout the District, such as gyms, fields and performing arts facilities, may be undertaken as joint use projects in cooperation with other local public or non-profit agencies.

The final cost of each project will be determined as plans and construction documents are finalized, construction bids are received, construction contracts are awarded and projects are completed. Based on the final costs of each project, certain of the projects described above may be delayed or may not be completed. Demolition of existing facilities and reconstruction of facilities scheduled for repair and upgrade may occur, if the Board determines that such an approach would be more costeffective in creating more enhanced and operationally efficient campuses. Necessary site preparation/restoration may occur in connection with new construction, renovation or remodeling, or installation or removal of relocatable classrooms, including ingress and egress, removing, replacing, or installing irrigation, utility lines, trees and landscaping, relocating fire access roads, and acquiring any necessary easements, licenses, or rights of way to the

property. Proceeds of the bonds may be used to pay or reimburse the District for the cost of District staff when performing work on or necessary and incidental to bond projects. Bond proceeds shall only be expended for the specific purposes identified herein. The District shall create an account into which proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited and comply with the reporting requirements of Government Code § 53410.

Priority of Projects

The listed projects will be prioritized and completed as needed with the following projects being prioritized first: items with immediate impact on student instruction; projects dealing with health, safety and security; technology improvements; projects that help prevent student overcrowding; and projects that improve efficiency, maximize additional funding resources or that generate ongoing funding or expense reduction.

Accountability Requirements

The provisions in this section are specifically included in this measure in order that the voters and taxpayers in the District may be assured that their money will be spent wisely. Expenditures to address specific facilities needs of the District will be in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3), of the State Constitution and the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 (codified at Education Code Sections 15264 and following.)

Evaluation of Needs. The Board has identified detailed facilities needs of the District and has determined which projects to finance from a local bond at this time. The Board hereby certifies that it has evaluated safety, class size reduction, enrollment growth, and information technology needs in developing the Bond Project List.

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee under Education Code Section 15278 and following to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects listed below. The committee will be established within 60 days of the date when the results of the election appear in the minutes of the Board.

Performance Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the bond proceeds have been expended only on the school facilities projects listed below.

Financial Audits. The Board shall conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the bond proceeds until all of those proceeds have been spent for the school facilities projects listed below.

Special Bond Proceeds Account: Annual Report to Board. Upon approval of this measure and the sale of any bonds approved, the Board shall take actions necessary to establish an account in which proceeds of the sale of bonds will be deposited. As long as any proceeds of the bonds remain unexpended, the Superintendent of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board annually, stating (1) the amount of bond proceeds received and expended in that year, and (2) the status of any project funded or to be funded from bond proceeds. The report may relate to

the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated in the annual budget, audit, or another appropriate routine report to the Board.

Further Specifications

No Administrator Salaries. Proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by this measure shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of school facilities including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities and not for any other purpose, including administrator salaries.

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE G

To protect critical education programs, with funds that cannot be taken by the State, including: math, reading, writing, and hands-on science class-

YES

NO

es/labs; enhancing library services, technology and college preparation programs; providing programs for all students to meet State academic standards; and attracting and retaining qualified teachers; shall Hayward Unified School District be authorized to levy \$58 per parcel annually, for five years, with an exemption for senior citizens, mandatory citizens' oversight and all money used for classrooms?

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G

ANALYSIS BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure G, a Hayward Unified School District ("District") special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax on each parcel of taxable real property for a period of five years, beginning July 1, 2012. This measure would levy fifty-eight dollars (\$58.00) on each parcel of taxable real property within the District annually.

School districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on special tax measures pursuant to Article XIIIA, Section 4 and Article XIIIC, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075-50077, 50079, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the District will impose a special tax on all parcels of taxable real property annually for five years. The Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector will collect the tax at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes. All property that the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector has determined to be otherwise exempt from ad valorem property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from this measure's levy. Upon application to the District, the District may grant an exemption to certain individuals who own a beneficial interest in the parcel and occupy the parcel as his or her principal place of residence. These individuals include anyone who is 65 years of age or older (by July 1 of the tax year). These individuals must apply annually to the District for the exemption.

If the measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot, including: enhancing library services, technology and college preparation programs; providing programs for students to meet state academic standards; and attracting and retaining qualified teachers. The measure further provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for separately and expended only for those specified purposes. The measure provides for an independent citizens' oversight committee and revenue and expenditure reports.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax outlined above.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure G, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acgov.org/rov/.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE G

Our schools need stable funding that cannot be taken by the state. Measure G will help maintain quality schools in Hayward and help our students achieve academic excellence.

Successive state fiscal crisis have led to drastic funding cuts in our classrooms, generating more than \$26 million in cuts in our schools With ongoing state cuts to education and unpredictable state funding for the next several years, we cannot allow our schools to decline any further.

Measure G will not solve all of our funding needs. It will however prevent more devastating cuts to Hayward Unified classrooms, operations and academic programs, by:

- Protecting math, reading, writing programs and hands-on science classes and labs;
- Enhancing library services, 21st Century technology and college preparation programs;
- Providing programs for all students to meet State academic standards; and
- Attracting and retaining qualified teachers and school site staff to ensure students receive a quality education in clean, safe, productive classrooms.

Measure G is temporary. It will expire in five years and cannot be renewed without voter approval. Strong taxpayer protections are included in the measure.

Measure G requires:

- Independent citizen's oversight to ensure that the money is used as promised
- None of the money can be spent on administrator salaries.
- Senior citizens may request exemptions, and
- Every penny is spent to benefit local children

Measure G is a small, but critical first step we can take to ensure stable local funding for schools in Hayward Unified so our students can reach their potential. Please join us in voting YES on Measure G.

s/K. Mercedes Faraj
Hayward Ed. Association-Pres
s/Jerry W Macklin
Pastor
s/Julie R. McKillop
CPA/Business Owner
s/Doris J. Rodriquez
Retired Councilmember/ Grand Parent
s/Ken Rawdon
Mt Eden High Teacher, Choir Director

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE G WAS SUBMITTED.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE G EXHIBIT A

FULL TEXT OF THE HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT QUALITY LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE MEASURE

This Measure may be known and referred to as the "Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure" or as "Measure G."

FINDINGS

The California budget crisis has led to funding cuts at the Hayward Unified School District (the "District") and to classroom support for students. The decline in California's economy, followed by a decline in State revenues, has led to drastic reductions in school districts' financial resources. Federal stimulus aid resulted in a significant infusion of one-time additional financial resources for the District and helped to mitigate the impact on some – but not all – of the cuts. However, federal support was not a permanent solution and the further deterioration in the California State budget has exacerbated the effects on Hayward schools.

This 2011-12 fiscal year, the District will be forced to address budget reductions in the amount of \$7.4 million as a result of the Governor's November 2012 budget trigger. Additionally, the District has sustained losses in excess of \$26 million since the 2008-09 fiscal years related to increasingly declining California state revenues.

The Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") has determined, in its best judgment, that in order to maintain quality local schools and to achieve academic excellence, an election is advisable and has placed a local funding measure on the June 5, 2012 ballot:

To protect critical education programs, with funds that cannot be taken by the State, including:

- math, reading, writing, and hands-on science classes/labs;
- enhancing library services, technology and college preparation programs;
- providing programs for all students to meet State academic standards; and
- attracting and retaining qualified teachers.

The proposed Measure will generate revenues to be spent only within District schools and cannot be taken by the State. It requires an independent citizen's oversight committee to ensure that the money is used as promised within the Resolution, and every penny is spent to benefit local children. None of the money raised by the proposed measure can be spent on administrator salaries. Senior citizens on fixed incomes may request exemption from paying the parcel tax.

Based upon these findings, provides as follows:

Section 1. Terms of the Measure.

(a) <u>Terms and Purposes</u>: Upon approval of two thirds of those voting on this measure, the District shall be authorized to and shall levy a qualified special tax of \$58 per year per taxable parcel of real property in the District, commencing July 1, 2012, and expiring June 30, 2017.

The qualified special tax shall be known and referred to

as the "Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure" or "Measure G." Proceeds of the Measure shall be authorized to be used to provide quality education in the District by:

To protect critical education programs, with funds that cannot be taken by the State, including:

- math, reading, writing, and hands-on science classes/labs;
- enhancing library services, technology and college preparation programs;
- providing programs for all students to meet State academic standards; and
- attracting and retaining qualified teachers;

shall Hayward Unified School District be authorized to levy \$58 per parcel annually, for five years, with an exemption for senior citizens, mandatory citizens' oversight and all money used for classrooms in the Hayward schools?

(b) Senior Citizen Exemption Available: An optional exemption from the special tax will be made available annually to each individual in the District who attains 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies to the District on or before July 1 of each tax year. Any application for such exemption must be submitted to the District. Once a senior citizen has an approved qualified exemption, no further application is required to maintain the exemption for the term of the parcel tax.

Section 2. Accountability Provisions.

- (a) <u>Citizens' Oversight Committee</u>: An independent citizens' oversight committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to ensure that the proceeds from this measure are expended for the purposes described in the Measure.
- (b) Government Code Section 50075.1 Compliance: Accountability Requirements: The members of the Board of Trustees, the District Superintendent, and officers of the District are hereby requested and directed, individually and collectively, to provide accountability measures pursuant to Government Code section 50075.1 that include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (i) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the qualified special tax, (ii) a requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified pursuant to subsection (i), (iii) the creation of a separate special account into which the proceeds from the special taxes shall be deposited, and (iv) an annual report pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code.
- (c) Government Code Section 50075.3 Compliance: Annual Report: Pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code, the Board of Trustees directs that the Assistant Superintendant, Business Services of the District file a report with the Board no later than January 1, 2013, and at least once a year thereafter for the duration of the special tax. The annual report shall contain both of the following: (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the special taxes, and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded as identified in Section 1(a) hereof from the proceeds of the special taxes.

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(d) <u>Specific Purposes</u>: All of the purposes set forth in the measure shall constitute the specific purposes of the Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure, and the proceeds of that special tax shall be applied only for such purposes and shall not fund any program, project or reduction other than those authorized above.

Section 3. Levy and Collection.

- (a) <u>Collection</u>: The special tax shall be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector") at the same time and in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The collection of taxes under the Measure shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.
- (b) <u>Definition</u>: "Parcel of taxable real property" as used herein shall be defined as any unit of real property in the boundaries of the Hayward Unified School District that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Tax Collector's Office.
- (c) Exemption: All property that the Tax Collector has determined to be otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no ad valorem property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the Measure in such year. The Tax Collector's determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation, other than the Senior Citizen Exemption, shall be final on the taxpayer for purposes of the Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure. Taxpayers desiring to challenge the Tax Collector's determination should do so under the procedures established by the Tax Collector's Office and Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable law. Taxpayers seeking any refund of taxes paid pursuant to the Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure shall follow the procedures applicable to tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (d) <u>List of Senior Citizen Exemption</u>: Parcels owned and occupied by individuals who are 65 years of age or older may be exempt pursuant to the Senior Citizen Exemption provisions set forth above. The District shall annually provide a list to the Tax Collector, on or before a date established by the Tax Collector of each year, of the parcels which the District has approved for the Senior Citizen Exemption as described above.
- (e) <u>Duration</u>: The collection of taxes pursuant to this Quality Local Schools and Academic Excellence Measure shall be for five years, commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2017.

Section 4. Severability.

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Measure concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed

NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE H

To support high-quality local elementary, middle and high school education to prepare students for college and careers with outstanding core academic

YES

NO

programs in reading, writing, math and science and highly qualified teachers and classified staff, shall New Haven Unified School District authorize a school parcel tax of \$180 per year, for four years, with citizen oversight, no funds for administrators' salaries, an exemption available for seniors and the disabled, and all funds staying in our local schools?

COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H

ANALYSIS BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNSEL OF A NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE

Measure H, a New Haven Unified School District ("District") special parcel tax measure, seeks voter approval to authorize the District to levy an annual special parcel tax on each parcel of taxable real property for four years, beginning July 1, 2012. This measure would levy one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) on each parcel of taxable real property within the District annually.

School districts have the authority to levy special taxes upon approval by two-thirds of the votes cast on special tax measures pursuant to Article XIIIA, Section 4 and Article XIIIC, Section 2 of the California Constitution and Sections 50075-50077, 50079, and 53722 of the California Government Code.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure vote for approval, the District will impose a special tax on all parcels of taxable real property annually for four years. The Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector will collect the tax at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes. All property that the Alameda County Treasurer-Tax Collector has determined to be otherwise exempt from ad valorem property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from this measure's levy. Upon application to the District, the District may grant an exemption to certain individuals who own a beneficial interest in the parcel and occupy the parcel as his or her principal place of residence. These individuals include anyone who is 65 years of age or older (by July 1 of the tax year) or anyone receiving Supplemental Social Security Income for a disability. These individuals must apply annually to the District for the exemption.

If the measure passes, the funding revenue will be used for the specific purposes set forth in the full text of the measure printed in this sample ballot, including, preparing students for college with core academic programs and ensuring qualified teachers and staff. The measure further provides that the monies collected shall be accounted for separately and expended only for those specified purposes. The measure provides for an independent citizens' oversight committee and revenue and expenditure reports.

If two-thirds of the qualified electors voting on this measure do not vote for approval, the measure will fail, and the District will not be authorized to levy the special tax outlined above.

s/DONNA R. ZIEGLER County Counsel

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure H, which is printed in full in this sample ballot pamphlet. If you desire an additional copy of the measure, please call the Elections Official's office at (510) 272-6933 and a copy will be mailed to you at no cost. You may also access the full text of the measure on the Alameda County website at the following address: www.acgov.org/rov/.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE H

Parents, teachers and civic leaders – and especially the children of the New Haven Unified School District – urge a YES VOTE on Measure H to support high-quality local elementary, middle and high school education.

Funds from Measure H will help local schools prepare our children for college and careers with outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science and highly qualified teachers and staff.

Measure H authorizes local school funding that can't be taken away or cut by Sacramento politicians. These funds will help:

- Provide high-quality college preparation classes AND programs to prepare students for jobs and careers;
- Provide quality academics to help students excel in core subjects such as math, science and English;
- Attract and retain quality teachers;
- Minimize state-imposed budget cuts, including lost classroom time for students and class-size increases that impact our youngest children;
- Ensure that our schools continue to offer a well-rounded education, including after-school activities that help kids stay on track;
- Keep schools clean and safe.

Measure H won't prevent all cuts imposed by continuing budget problems in Sacramento, but it will help significantly by providing local resources that cannot be taken from our children because of political games in Sacramento.

ALL funds raised by Measure H will stay local, protecting our children's future.

By law, Measure H funds **cannot** be taken away by the state or spent on administrator salaries. An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee will monitor expenditures to ensure funds are spent as promised. Measure H will last four years ONLY. It can't be extended without a vote of the people.

Exemptions will be available to senior citizens and disabled residents on fixed incomes.

<u>Good local schools improve home values.</u> Measure H is good for our entire community.

Take a positive step to protect New Haven children.

Please VOTE YES on H.

s/Mark Green
Mayor of Union City
s/Mary Schlarb
Mother, Grandmother, Decoto Resident
s/Jeff Macalolooy
Small Business Owner
s/Hugh McNamara
Union City Senior Commissioner
s/Gertrude Gregorio
Former School Board Member

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE H WAS SUBMITTED.

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE H New Haven Unified School District Revenue Measure

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District (the "Board of Education") believes that a qualified special tax is necessary to support high academic achievement for all students of the New Haven Unified School District (the "District"); and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIIIA of the California Constitution and Sections 50075, 50076, 50077, 50079 and 53722 *et seq.* of the California Government Code, authorize a school district, upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the measure, to levy a qualified special tax for specified purposes following notice and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, repeated reductions in funding in recent years from the State of California ("State") for schools have forced the District to reduce its budget from a high of more than \$112 million in 2007-08 to less than \$98 million in 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal funding have been inadequate and uncertain to meet the ongoing objectives of maintaining high academic achievement for all students of the District and the Board has no assurance that future State or Federal funding will permit the District to meet these objectives; and

WHEREAS, in response to these reductions and uncertainties, the Board of Education has in recent years been forced to take drastic measures, such as increasing class sizes and reducing the length of the instructional year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined in its best judgment that in order to support high academic achievement for all students in the District, an election is advisable and necessary to request voters to authorize a qualified special tax in the amount of \$180 per year per taxable parcel, to be collected beginning July 1, 2012; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has conducted a public hearing after due notice regarding the proposed authorization of the special tax, as required by law, and

Based upon these findings, provides as follows:

Article 1: TERMS OF THE MEASURE

(a) <u>Terms and Purposes</u>: Upon approval of two thirds of those voting on this measure, the District shall be authorized to and shall levy a qualified special tax of \$180 per year per parcel of taxable real property in the District, commencing July 1, 2012, and expiring June 30, 2016.

The qualified special tax shall be known and referred to as "Measure [H]" (hereinafter "Measure"). Proceeds of the Measure shall be authorized to support high-quality local elementary, middle and high school education, to prepare students for college and careers with outstanding core academic programs in reading, writing, math and science, with highly qualified teachers and classified staff. No proceeds will be used for administrators' salaries, and all funds will stay in local schools.

(b) <u>Senior Citizen – Disability Exemption Available</u>: An optional exemption from the special tax is available annually to each individual in the District who attains 65 years of age prior to July 1 of the tax year, or for each individual receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability prior to July 1 of the tax year, and who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, and who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies to the District on or before July 1 of each tax year. Any application for the exemption must be submitted to the District and must be renewed annually.

Article 2: ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

- (a) <u>Citizens' Oversight Committee</u>: An independent citizens' oversight committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education to ensure that the proceeds from this measure are expended for the purposes described in the measure.
- (b) Accountability Requirements: The members of the Board of Education, the District Superintendent, and officers of the District are hereby requested and directed, individually and collectively, to provide accountability measures pursuant to Government Code section 50075.1 that include, but are not limited to, all of the following: (i) a statement indicating the specific purposes of the qualified special tax, (ii) a requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified pursuant to subsection (i), (iii) the creation of a separate special account into which the proceeds from the special taxes shall be deposited, and (iv) an annual report pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code.
- (c) Annual Report: Pursuant to Section 50075.3 of the Government Code, the Board of Education directs that the Chief Business Officer of the District file a report with the Board no later than June 30, 2013, and at least once a year thereafter for the duration of the special tax. The annual report shall contain both of the following: (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the special taxes, and (ii) the status of any projects or programs required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the special taxes.
- (d) <u>Specific Purposes</u>: All of the purposes set forth in the measure shall constitute the specific purposes of Measure [H], and the proceeds of that special tax shall be applied only for such purposes.

Article 3: PROTECTION OF FUNDING

If the adoption of this Measure results in any decrease in State or Federal funding to the District, then the amount of the special taxes authorized by this Measure will be reduced annually as necessary in order to restore any such reduction in State or Federal funding.

Article 4: LEVY AND COLLECTION

- (a) <u>Collection</u>: The special tax shall be collected by the Alameda County Treasurer Tax Collector (the "Tax Collector") at the same time and in the same manner and shall be subject to the same penalties as *ad valorem* property taxes collected by the Tax Collector. The collection of taxes under the Measure shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.
- (b) <u>Definition</u>: "Parcel of taxable real property" as used herein shall be defined as any unit of real property in

the boundaries of the New Haven Unified School District that receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the Tax Collector's Office.

- (c) Exemption: All property that the Tax Collector has determined to be otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year shall also be exempt from the Measure in such year. The Tax Collector's determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation, other than the Senior Citizen Disability Exemption, shall be final on the taxpayer for purposes of the Measure. Taxpayers desiring to challenge the Tax Collector's determination should do so under the procedures established by the Tax Collector's Office and Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable law. Taxpayers seeking any refund of taxes paid pursuant to the Measure shall follow the procedures applicable to tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (d) <u>List of Senior Citizen Disability Exemption</u>: Parcels owned and occupied by individuals who are 65 years of age or older, or owned and occupied by individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, may be exempt pursuant to the Senior Citizen Disability Exemption provisions set forth above. The District shall annually provide a list to the Tax Collector, on or before a date established by the Tax Collector of each year, of the parcels which the District has approved for the Senior Citizen Disability Exemption as described above.
- (e) <u>Duration</u>: The collection of taxes pursuant to this Measure shall be for (4) four years, commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2016.

Article 5: SEVERABILITY

The Board hereby declares, and the voters by approving this Measure concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this measure has independent value, and the Board and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this Measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.