

Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure W

Unfounded Pessimism

In 1993, 2005, and 2009, proponents promised dire consequences if voters didn't pass parcel taxes. All failed—and student achievement, test scores, etc., improved anyway.

WITHOUT A PARCEL TAX, general fund revenue grew 4.9% per year on average; from \$33 million in 1993 to \$81 million today.

Are we alone?

Hardly. The vast majority of California school districts do NOT levy a parcel tax.*

\$13 million in cuts??

Since 2007/2008 general fund revenue *increased* from \$78 to \$81 million.**

Lowest funded??

Of the 9 comparable elementary school districts in San Mateo County****, RCSD ranked #3 in per student funding (and #2 in average teacher pay).*****

Only \$4972 per student??

That's just *one component* of general fund revenue. Revenue from all sources totals roughly \$90 million, or \$10,160 per student.***

50% class size growth??

Between 2001 and 2011, average class size increased from 23.1 to 25.5 students.*****

Stabilize funding??

A fixed-size surtax *can't* reduce year-to-year variability in the budget.

But you can prevent a 1½ % drop in funding 5 years from now by voting *against* Measure W today.

* http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/Parcel_tax_elections_in_California

** *Second Interim Budget Report 2011-2012* projection, p 13. <http://www.rcsdk8.net/Page/81>

*** *ibid*, pps 8, 81; RCSD Average Daily Attendance (ADA) = 8902

**** with ADA exceeding 2500 students

***** using "Compare Districts" tool for 2009/10. <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>

***** using "District Profile" tool for 2000/01 and 2010/11. <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>

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Names and titles listed will be printed in the order that they are listed below.

If the signers are part of a bona fide association/organization, for each such signing individual(s), the title under the signer's name shall list the name of that bona fide association/organization and may include their position within that association/organization.

By signing below, the undersigned state that they have read the argument and believe it not to be false or misleading.

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1. Name: Harland Harrison Title: Chair, Libertarian Party of San Mateo County, CA

Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

Signature: Harland Harrison Date: 3-20-2012

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2. Name: John J. "Jack" Hickey Title: HEALTHCARE DIRECTOR, SEQUOIA DISTRICT

Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

Signature: John J. Hickey Date: 3/26/2012

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