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IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE _____

California law authorizes parcels to be transferred from one school district to another upon a majority vote of those voting on the measure.

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In December 2011, the San Mateo County Committee on School District Reorganization approved a petition to transfer 47 residences located between 2020-2098 (even numbers) and 2025-2089 (odd numbers) Fairmont Drive in San Mateo ("the Fairmont Drive Territory") from the Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary and Sequoia Union High School Districts to the San Mateo/Foster City Elementary and San Mateo Union High School Districts. Because the school districts were not all in support of the transfer, the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools called for an election on the issue.

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If the voters approve the transfer, the districts will be reorganized such that the Fairmont Drive Territory will be included within the boundaries of the San Mateo/Foster City Elementary and San Mateo Union High School Districts, effective July 1, 2013. Upon transfer, owners of parcels within the territory would be subject to all current and future taxes and other obligations of other parcels within the San Mateo/Foster City Elementary and San Mateo Union High School Districts and would no longer be subject to such taxes and obligations arising from the Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary and Sequoia Union High School Districts. As noted below, currently this would mean an overall increase in taxes and bond obligations on parcels in the Fairmont Drive Territory. The measure defines a parcel as any unit of land that now receives a separate tax bill from the County Assessor's Office.

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The County Superintendent of Schools is required to prepare a statement of official information and statistics relating to the proposed reorganization. That statement includes the following information:

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(1) Currently, Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary and Sequoia Union High School Districts together have parcel taxes ranging between \$185.70 – \$192.72 per parcel, and San Mateo/Foster City Elementary School District has parcel taxes of \$274.88 per parcel. San Mateo Union High School District has no parcel taxes. Transfer of the territory would result in San Mateo/Foster City Elementary School District receiving an additional \$9,345.92, Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary School District losing \$5,568.00, and Sequoia Union High School District losing \$489.06 annually in parcel tax revenues. Upon transfer, each owner of a parcel in the territory would pay approximately an additional \$82.00 to \$89.00 annually in parcel taxes.

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(2) Parcel owners collectively pay \$13,735.00 each year to the current Districts for general obligation bonds, averaging \$292.23 per parcel. Upon transfer, parcel owners would be obligated to pay a total of \$12,805.00 each year to the new Districts for such bonds, averaging \$272.45 per parcel. Thus, the average owner would pay \$19.78 less per year in such bonds upon transfer, although the actual change may differ for each parcel.

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A "yes" vote on this measure would transfer the Fairmont Drive Territory to the San Mateo/Foster City Elementary and San Mateo Union High School Districts, effective July 1, 2013.

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A "no" vote on this measure would leave the Fairmont Drive Territory in the Belmont-Redwood Shores Elementary and Sequoia Union High School Districts.

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This measure passes if a majority of those voting on the measure vote "yes".

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