

Argument in favor of measure

The San Mateo County Office of Education Committee unanimously approved the petition to transfer 47 properties located on Fairmont Drive, from the Belmont School Districts to the San Mateo School Districts

The Committee in making its decision to approve the petition, was unanimous and prior to doing so, evaluated the criteria of nine key items which were established by the California Department of Education. Regarding the examination of the nine criteria in consideration of the petition, the Committee concluded unanimously that each criterion had been satisfied.

Due to the fact that the Belmont-Redwood Shores and the Sequoia Union High School Districts are opposed to this transfer, a special election is now required. It should be noted that the San Mateo-Foster City and the San Mateo Union High School Districts have endorsed the petition.

The impacted residents of Fairmont Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402 (even numbered properties 2020 - 2098 and odd numbered properties 2025 - 2089) are seeking a YES VOTE in order to transfer all impacted properties on Fairmont Drive to the San Mateo/Foster City and the San Mateo Union High School Districts.

Under the current system, San Mateo Union High is forfeiting valuable education tax dollars due to an antiquated system which unjustly benefits the Belmont School Districts while preventing the San Mateo Union High District from receiving any state education resources. Under the current system, San Mateo Union High School District does not receive any funds from the state for educating students within the impacted portion of Fairmont Drive.

Also, under the current system, the state of California is paying education dollars twice in order to educate the Fairmont children who attend the San Mateo / Foster City schools which is in part, because of a long standing policy established many years ago by the Belmont School Districts. This not only amounts to "double dipping" of state funds used to educate the Fairmont Drive children, but it also results in a waste of public funds at the expense of the California taxpayer. California deserves a more cost effective use of public funds and this petition represents an important step in the effort to reduce government waste.

While Belmont School District officials have advocated that we leave the Fairmont Drive property taxes as is (or status quo), it clearly underscores the need for state government reform as to neighboring Basic Aid Districts and Revenue Limit Districts. Without such reform, the State of California will be adversely impacted by situations such as this where state funds are allocated to a neighboring Basic Aid District such as Belmont which would be incentivized to transfer the Fairmont Drive students to the neighboring Revenue Limit District of San Mateo-Foster City.

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By approving the ballot measure, all Fairmont Drive students will have greater certainty and access to the same schools in which the rest of Fairmont Drive and the surrounding neighborhood of Queens and Kings Street are permitted to attend. Fairmont drive property owners and future Fairmont Drive property owners will not be adversely impacted by the previous challenges related to school assignment and the allocation of education taxes to Belmont rather than San Mateo.

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By MARK CHURCH, Chief Elections Officer DEPUTY CLERK



### Ballot Measure Primary Argument Submission Form

*Fairmont Drive Special Election*

A ballot argument shall not be accepted unless accompanied by this completed form, which shall contain the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the person(s) submitting it or, if submitted on behalf of a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the name of the association/organization and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers. If the measure is presented to voters pursuant to an initiative petition in a special district election, please contact the Elections Office for special instructions.

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Ballot Measure \_\_\_\_\_ for the Gubernatorial General Election to be held on November 2, 2010.

Primary Argument in Favor of       Primary Argument Against

**This argument is submitted by: (check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District</b> If this argument is filed by the governing body of the County of San Mateo, a school district or a special district, fill in the name of the governing body on the line below and complete both sides of this form.	
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	Contact Person's Printed Name:	Contact Person's Signature:
	Title:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Member(s) of the Governing Body of the County of San Mateo, a School District, or a Special District</b> If this argument is filed by any member(s) of the governing body, fill in the information below and complete both sides of this form. By statute, members of school district governing boards need board authorization to file an argument.	
	Member(s) of the Governing Body:	Name of Governing Body:
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	Contact Person's Signature:
	Title:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bona Fide Association of Citizens/Organization</b> If this argument is filed by a bona fide association of citizens/organization, the signers of the argument must be affiliated with the association/organization, be authorized to sign the argument on its behalf, provide the printed name and signature of at least one principal officer of the organization, and complete both sides of this form.	
	Name of Association/Organization:	
	Principal Officer's Printed Name and Title:	Principal Officer's Signature:
	Contact Person's Printed Name:	Email:
	Phone:	Fax:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual(s) eligible to vote on the measure</b> Individual signers must be eligible to vote on the measure.	
	Contact Person: <i>MARK BENDICK</i>	Phone: [REDACTED]
	Mailing Address: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Fax: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]

Please complete the reverse side of this form.

**Primary Argument Signers Form**

Each signer must designate in which capacity they are signing. Check the one box that applies.

No more than five signatures shall appear with any argument. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five listed shall be printed.  
 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, there is no requirement that they be eligible to vote on the measure. However, 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.

Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District  
 Member(s) of the Governing Body of San Mateo County, a School District, or a Special District  
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✓	1. Name: <b>MARK BONDICK</b> Title: <b>Chief Petitioner</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]				
	Address: [REDACTED]				
	Signature: <i>Mark Bondick</i> Date: <b>2/15/12</b>				
✓	2. Name: <b>Francisca Bendick</b> Title:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Signature: <i>Francisca Bendick</i> Date: <b>2/15/12</b>				
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	Signature: <i>Michelle M. Tonjes</i> Date: <b>2/15/12</b>				
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	Signature: <i>P. Prashanth Kini</i> Date: <b>2/15/12</b>				
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