

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
PACIFICA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06-26-A

RESOLUTION CALLING PARCEL TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Pacifica School District (the "District") is determined to provide a quality well-rounded public education and believes having a great teacher in each classroom is the most important element of providing quality education; and

WHEREAS, nationally, California places near the bottom of the 50 states in educational funding and the District is struggling to recruit the best teachers to its classrooms; and

WHEREAS, it is essential the District have stable, reliable local funding to maintain and improve its quality educational programs; and

WHEREAS, having a quality teacher in each classroom is one of the most important elements of a quality education, and the District is committed to attracting and retaining excellent teachers, counselors and staff; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges the importance of paying teachers and educational staff a living wage so they can continue to live in the community where they work; and

WHEREAS, to better attract and retain excellent teachers and other school educational staff, the District wishes to ensure it can provide competitive salaries; and

WHEREAS, all money raised by this measure will go to the District's local schools, and cannot be taken away by the State; and

WHEREAS, even if voters do not have school-age children, supporting quality education is a wise investment since good schools improve the quality of life in the Pacifica community and protect the value of our homes; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A and Section 2(d) of Article XIII C of the California Constitution authorize a school district, by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors, to impose special taxes other than ad valorem taxes on real property, and California Government Code Section 50079 authorizes a school district to impose qualified special taxes meeting certain requirements upon approval of two-thirds of the electorate voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, all funds raised in these qualified special taxes are spent for the benefit of students residing in our District; and

WHEREAS, Section 1000 of the California Elections Code authorizes the District to conduct such an election only on an established election date; and

WHEREAS, November 5, 2024, is an established election date; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees has held a public hearing after due notice regarding the parcel tax proposed by this Resolution, as required by California Government Code Section 50077; and

WHEREAS, the District is located entirely within the County of San Mateo (the "County"), and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools has jurisdiction over the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Pacifica School District as follows:

1. Recitals. This Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. Order of Election; Specifications of Ballot Measure. This resolution shall stand as the order to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of proposing to the electors of the District the measure contained in Exhibit A hereto. The authority for the specifications of this election order is contained in Sections 5304 and 5322 of the California Education Code and Sections 50075-77 and 50079 of the California Government Code.

This Board of Trustees hereby requests the Registrar of Voters of the County of San Mateo (the "Registrar of Voters") to submit to the voters of the District at said election the measure as it appears in Exhibit A.

3. Filing of Order of Election. The Secretary of this Board of Trustees is ordered to cause certified copies of this resolution and order to be delivered not later than Wednesday, August 7, 2024, to the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, and not later than Friday, August 9, 2024, to the Registrar of Voters and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County.

4. Formal Notice. The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to prepare and execute a Formal Notice of Parcel Tax Election and consolidation order in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Formal Notice"), and to call the election by causing the Formal Notice to be posted in every schoolhouse in the District and at three public places in the District, in accordance with Section 5362 of the California Education Code, no later than Wednesday, August 7, 2024, or to otherwise cause the notice to be published as permitted by law. The Secretary of this Board of Trustees, on behalf of and as may be requested by the County Superintendent of Schools, is authorized to cause all notices required by law in connection herewith to be published and posted, as the case may be.

5. Conduct of Election. (a) *Request to Registrar of Voters*. Pursuant to Section 5303 of the California Education Code, the Registrar of Voters is required to, and is hereby requested to, take all steps to hold the election in accordance with law and these specifications.

(b) *Ballot and Voter Pamphlet*. The Registrar of Voters is requested to cause the exact wording of the Abbreviation of the Measure contained in Exhibit A-I to appear on the ballot, and to print the Full Text of the Measure contained in Exhibit A-II in the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to voters pursuant to the California Elections Code. The full text of the measure

is all that text in Appendix A hereto between the indicators “**BEGINNING OF FULL TEXT OF MEASURE----->>>>>>**” and “**<<<<<-----END OF FULL TEXT OF MEASURE.**”

(c) *Consolidation.* The San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Supervisors of the County are requested to order consolidation of the election with such other elections as may be held on the same day in the same territory or in territory that is in part the same, pursuant to California Education Code Section 5342 and Section 10400 and following of the California Elections Code.

(d) *Canvass of Results.* The Board of Supervisors of the County is authorized to canvass the returns of the election pursuant to Section 10411 of the California Elections Code.

(e) *Required Vote.* The proposition shall become effective upon approval of two-thirds of those voting thereon.

(f) *Election Costs.* This Board of Trustees shall pay all costs of the election approved by the Board of Supervisors of the County, pursuant to California Education Code Section 5421.

6. Appropriations Limit. This Board of Trustees shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the California Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any increase in the District’s appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the proposed tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

7. Ballot Argument. The President of this Board of Trustees, or any member or members of this Board as the President shall designate, is hereby authorized, but not directed, to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the proposition contained in Exhibit A-II hereof, within the time established by the Registrar of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot argument of this Board as sponsor of the proposition.

8. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption by a two-thirds vote of all of the members of this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2024 by the following vote:

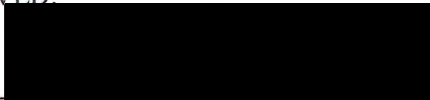
AYES: Elizabeth Bredall, Lynda Brocchini, Nidhi Patel &
Laverne Villabobos

NOES: ∅

ABSTAIN: ∅

ABSENT: Kai Doggett

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Trustees of the
Pacifica School District



Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the
Pacifica School District

EXHIBIT A

MEASURE TEXT

I. ABBREVIATION OF THE MEASURE

*[This summarizes, in 75 words or less,
the full text of the proposition which appears below.]*

“To maintain and enhance quality elementary and middle school education, with local funding the State cannot take away, by attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers/counselors/staff; enhancing math, history, reading and writing programs; maintaining hands-on science, technology/art/music programs; and supporting student success; shall Pacifica School District’s measure be adopted levying \$98 per parcel, with annual adjustments, raising \$1,100,000 annually, for 8 years, exempting seniors, with independent oversight and no money for administrators?”

[75 Words]

II. FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

BEGINNING OF FULL TEXT OF MEASURE----->>>>>>>

PACIFICA SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER RETENTION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT

This Proposition may be known and referred to as the “Teacher Retention and School Improvement Act” (the “Act”) or as “Measure ____”. *[designation to be assigned by County Registrar of Voters]*

KEY FINDINGS

The Pacifica School District (the “District”) is determined to provide excellent educational programs to all its students. Nationally, California places near the bottom of the 50 states in educational funding. The District is one of the lowest funded school districts in the county, and its schools are struggling to recruit the best teachers to its classrooms. Having a quality teacher in each classroom is one of the most important elements of a quality education, the District is committed to attracting and retaining excellent teachers, counselors and staff. The District acknowledges the importance of paying teachers and other educational staff a living wage so they can continue to live in the community where they work.

It is essential the District have stable, reliable local funding to maintain and improve its quality educational programs and remains committed to attracting and retaining excellent teachers. The District acknowledges the importance of paying teachers and other educational staff enough money so they can continue to live in the community where they work. To better attract and retain excellent teachers and other school educational staff, the District wishes to ensure it can provide competitive salaries.

To provide a stable, locally controlled funding that cannot be taken by the state, the District has placed on the ballot the Teacher Retention and School Improvement measure, which would impose a total of \$98 in taxes per parcel annually for a period of eight years, with an exemption available for senior citizens, and to implement accountability measures, including citizen oversight, to ensure the funds are used to help:

- Attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff;
- Enhance District curriculum with respect to math, science, history, reading and writing programs;
- Upgrade and support computer and instructional technology for student learning;
- Enhance music and art classes;
- Maintain dedicated literacy instruction to help struggling students read at their grade level and provide additional support for struggling students in all subjects;

- Provide school counseling services and health services, and support at-risk students to keep them on the right track;
- Support outdoor education, after-school and enrichment programs;
- Provide competitive compensation for teachers and school employees to account for rapidly increasing cost of living and housing; and
- Protect the taxpayers' investment in education and ensure District accountability by providing for taxpayer oversight and independent financial audits of revenues and expenditures.

TERMS OF THE SPECIAL TAX

Terms. Upon approval of two-thirds of those voting on this measure, the District shall be authorized to levy the existing parcel tax (Pacifica School District Teacher Retention and School Improvement Act of 2024) for eight (8) years until 2033. The net effect of this measure would be to authorize the District to impose a total of \$98 in taxes per parcel annually each year between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2033, subject to an annual adjustment for inflation pursuant to the "Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers San Francisco Area" published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the event this index is no longer published, the Board of Trustees shall adopt a comparable index of general price levels, as it shall reasonably determine.

Senior Citizen Exemption. In order to provide tax relief to senior citizens in the community, any parcel owned and occupied by a person 65 years of age or older shall be exempt from the Act upon proper application to the District. The exemption shall be available pursuant to procedures to be prescribed by the District's Board of Trustees or otherwise as required by law or by the San Mateo County Tax Collector.

ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Annual Audit. Upon the levy and collection of the Act, the Board of Trustees shall cause an account to be established for deposit of the proceeds. For so long as any proceeds of the Act shall remain unexpended, the Superintendent or chief financial officer of the District shall cause a report to be filed with the Board of Trustees no later than December 31 of each year, commencing December 31, 2025, stating (1) the amount of Act received and expended in such year, and (2) the status of any projects or description of any programs funding from proceeds of the tax. The report may relate to the calendar year, fiscal year, or other appropriate annual period, as the Superintendent shall determine and may be incorporated into or filed with the annual budget, audit, or other appropriate routine report to the Board of Trustees.

Specific Purposes. All of the purposes named in the measure shall constitute the specific purposes of the Act, and proceeds of the tax shall be applied only for such purposes.

Appropriations Limit. The Board of Trustees shall provide in each year (pursuant to Section 7902.1 of the California Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any

increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the Act, and of all qualified special taxes levied by the District, may be spent for the authorized purposes and an election shall be conducted by the District for such purpose only if required by the general laws of the State applicable to school district qualified special taxes. This provision shall be deemed to be declaratory of existing procedures governing District expenditures.

LEVY AND COLLECTION

The Act shall be collected by the San Mateo County Treasurer-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 Treasurer-Tax Collector. Unpaid taxes shall bear interest at the same rate as the rate for unpaid *ad valorem* property taxes until paid. The collection of the Act shall not decrease the funds available from other sources of the District in any period from the effective date hereof.

"Parcel of taxable real property" shall be defined as any unit of real property in the District, which receives a separate tax bill for *ad valorem* property taxes from the San Mateo County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. All property, which is otherwise exempt from or on which are levied no *ad valorem* property taxes in any year, shall also be exempt from the Act in such year. Any parcel owned and occupied by the following taxpayers shall be exempt from the Act as provided herein: persons who are 65 years of age or older as of July 1 of the tax year.

The District shall annually provide a list of parcels, which the District has approved, for a senior and certain other legal exemptions from the Act as described above to the San Mateo County tax collection officials. The San Mateo County Assessor's determination of exemption or relief for any reason of any parcel from taxation, other than through such exemptions, shall be final and binding for the purposes of the Act. Taxpayers wishing to challenge the County Assessor's determination must do so under the procedures for correcting a misclassification of property pursuant to Section 4876.5 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code or other applicable procedures. Taxpayers seeking a refund of the Act paid shall follow the procedures applicable to property tax refunds pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees 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.

<<<<<-----END OF FULL TEXT OF MEASURE.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Dr. Darnise Williams, Secretary, Board of Trustees, of the Pacifica School District, County of San Mateo, California, do hereby certify as follows:

The attached is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on June 26, 2024, and entered in the minutes thereof, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Trustees had due notice and at which a quorum thereof was present, and said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

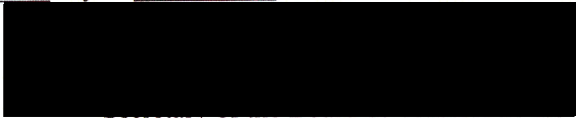
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

An agenda of said meeting was posted at least 72 hours before said meeting at 375 Reina Del Mar Avenue, Pacifica, California, a location freely accessible to members of the public, and was posted on the District's website in accordance with all applicable laws, and a brief general description of said resolution appeared on said agenda. A copy of said agenda is attached hereto.

I have carefully compared the same with the original minutes of said meeting on file and of record in my office. Said resolution has not been amended, modified or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and the same is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand this 27th day of June, 2024.


Pacifica School District