

## Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District\*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Patterson

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**The Way It Is Now:** The San Francisco Unified School District (the "School District") educates approximately 57,000 students in San Francisco. The School District receives funding from the state and federal government and from the City and County of San Francisco (the "City"), including the set aside of City funds approved by the voters.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_ would authorize the City to collect an annual parcel tax of \$298 per parcel of taxable property in the City beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2038. The amount of the tax would be adjusted annually to account for inflation.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the City to transfer all the parcel tax revenue to the School District. The School District could use the funds only for the following purposes:

- To increase the salaries of teachers and paraeducators, and to increase the salaries or benefits of other School District employees;
- To increase staffing and funding at high-needs schools and at community schools serving students who have been expelled from other schools, have been referred because of attendance or behavior problems, or are homeless or on probation or parole;
- To provide additional professional development to teachers and paraeducators;
- To invest in technology;
- To fund charter schools in the City; and
- To provide oversight to monitor how the School District is spending the parcel tax revenue.

Proposition \_\_\_ would provide two exemptions from the tax:

- First, the measure would exempt senior citizens who turn 65 years of age before July 1 of the tax year, own an interest in the property being taxed, and use the property as their principal residence.
- Second, the measure would exempt property designated as a parking space, if the parking space is next to a residential parcel that is exempt from the parcel tax, and both the parking space and exempt residential parcel are owned by the same persons.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the City Controller to prepare an annual report on the uses of the funds, and would require an independent oversight committee to ensure that the parcel tax revenue is used only for the purposes set forth in the measure.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to collect an annual parcel tax of \$298 per parcel of taxable property in the City beginning July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2038, subject to certain exemptions.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

*\*Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*