

Parcel Tax for San Francisco Unified School District*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District educates approximately 57,000 students and employs approximately 6,200 teachers and para-educators. The School District receives funding from state and federal governments and the City of San Francisco.

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 and ending June 30, 2038, adjusted annually for inflation.

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

- To increase the salaries and benefits of teachers and para-educators;
- To increase staffing and funding at high-needs schools and at community schools;
- To increase the salaries and/or benefits of other School District employees;
- To provide additional professional development to teachers and para-educators;
- To invest in technology, including digital learning; and
- To fund charter schools in the City.

Proposition ___ would provide two exemptions from the tax:

- 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.
- The measure would generally exempt property designated as a parking space, if the parking space and residential parcel are owned by the same persons.

Proposition ___ would require the City Controller to prepare an annual report on how these funds are spent. It would also require an independent committee to oversee how the School District is spending these funds.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to authorize the City to collect an annual tax of \$298 per parcel for investment in education, subject to certain exemptions including those for senior citizens.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not approve this parcel tax.

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