

Ballot Simplification Committee - Approved Digest: Packard, Fasick, Fraps, Jorgensen, Unruh - 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Requests for Reconsideration due Thursday, August 2, by 10:30 a.m.

Community College Parcel Tax (working title only, subject to change)

The Way It Is Now:

City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has nine campuses in the City and serves approximately 100,000 students each year. The state has reduced funding to CCSF by more than \$40 million over the past three years. The Community College Board, which oversees CCSF, has determined that City College's current revenues are inadequate to fund community college education in San Francisco.

The Proposal:

Proposition __ would authorize a parcel tax to provide funding for City College of San Francisco. The tax would be \$79 per parcel annually, and it would last for eight years.

City College would use the tax funds to:

- maintain core academic courses, including English, math, and science;
- provide workforce training, including nursing, engineering, business, and technology;
- provide an education that prepares students for four-year universities;
- offset State budget cuts;
- keep City College libraries and student support services open; and
- keep technology and instructional support up to date.

The use of the funds will be subject to annual review by a Citizen's Oversight Committee appointed by the Community College Board.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to authorize a parcel tax of \$79 annually for eight years to provide funding for City College of San Francisco.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to authorize this tax.

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