

Ballot Simplification Committee

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Requests for Reconsideration were 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 \$53 million over the past three years. As a result, CCSF's annual revenues are now more than \$25 million less than they were a few years ago. 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;
- keep City College libraries and student support services open;
- keep technology and instructional support up to date, and
- offset State budget cuts.

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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