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City College Parcel Tax

To provide City College of San Francisco with funds the State cannot take away; offset budget cuts; prevent layoffs; provide an affordable, quality education for students; maintain essential courses including, but not limited to, writing, math, science, and other general education; prepare students for four-year universities; provide workforce training including, but not limited to, nursing, engineering, technology, and business; and keep college libraries, student support services, and other instructional support open and up to date; shall the San Francisco Community College District levy 79 dollars per parcel annually for eight years requiring independent audits and citizen oversight?

YES ←  
NO ←  

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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 A 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.

Controller's Statement on "A"

City Controller Ben Rosenfield has issued the following statement on the fiscal impact of Proposition A:

Should the proposed parcel tax be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would not affect the cost of government for the City and County of San Francisco. The proposed tax of \$79 per parcel would be collected each year for eight years from property owners of each separately taxed parcel in San Francisco. Property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the parcel tax. The tax is projected to generate approximately \$16 million annually. The revenues would benefit the San Francisco Community College District and their use would be subject to the budgetary and fiscal procedures of the Community College District.

How "A" Got on the Ballot

On May 31, 2012, the San Francisco Community College Board voted 5 to 0 to place Proposition A on the ballot. The Members voted as follows:

Yes: Berg, Grier, Jackson, Ngo, Rizzo.

No: None.

Absent: Marks, Wong.

This measure requires 66²/₃% affirmative votes to pass.

Arguments for and against this measure immediately follow. The full text begins on page 118. Some of the words used in the ballot digest are explained on page 53.