

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

**Digest** by the Ballot Simplification Committee

**Status:** Draft for Consideration  
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**Members:** Packard, Anderson, Girardin, Patterson

**Deadline to Request Reconsideration:** TBD

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**The Way It Is Now:** The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) educates about 54,000 students and employs about 6,900 teachers.

In June 2018, City voters approved Proposition G, a parcel tax measure for the School District (2018 School Parcel Tax). The tax for the 2020-21 fiscal year is \$320 per parcel. The tax for the 2021-22 fiscal year will be adjusted for inflation. The tax expires on June 30, 2038.

The School District may use this tax revenue to:

- Increase salaries and benefits for teachers;
- Increase staffing and funding at high-needs schools and at community schools;
- Increase the salaries and benefits of other School District employees;
- Provide professional development;
- Invest in technology, including digital learning; and
- Fund charter schools in the City.

The tax has been challenged in court, and the City will not disburse the tax's revenues to the School District unless there is final ruling upholding the tax.

**The Proposal:** Proposition \_\_\_ would replace the 2018 School Parcel Tax with a new parcel tax for the School District. The School District may use the new tax revenues for the same purposes as the 2018 School Parcel Tax.

Proposition \_\_\_ would change the tax for the 2021-22 fiscal year to \$288 per parcel, to be adjusted annually for inflation. This new tax would expire on June 30, 2038.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want the City to replace the 2018 School Parcel Tax and change the tax rate starting fiscal year 2021-22 from \$320 per parcel plus inflation to \$288 per parcel, subject to inflation in future years.

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