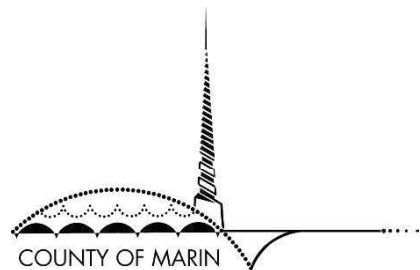


COUNTY OF MARIN
Voter Information Guide
SPECIAL ELECTION
VOTE BY MAIL
Nicasio School District
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

No Vote Centers for this Vote-by-Mail only election

- A ballot is mailed to all voters. Return it by mail or to an official Drop Box.
- Drop Box locations, days, and hours listed on the next page.
- The Marin County Elections Department is open for vote-by-mail voting services starting Monday, April 8, see next page.
- Information about Drop Box locations is also posted at www.marinvotes.org
- Need to update your registration? Online at registertovote.ca.gov OR by paper registration form, postmarked no later than April 22, 2024.

Marin County Elections Department
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 121
San Rafael, CA 94903
415-473-6456 elections@marincounty.org





Vote by Mail

Ballot Packet

Packet includes this guide, ballot, instructions and postage-paid return envelope.

Date and sign your return envelope.

Return Ballot

1. Into an official Drop Box - see below
2. To the Elections Department - see below
3. Mail your ballot - must be postmarked on or before May 7 and received by May 14, 2024



Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

Open April 9 to May 7 until 8:00 p.m.

Drop Boxes close precisely at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day as required by law

Exterior site available, 24 hour drop off:

San Rafael, Marin Civic Center North Archway drive-thru 3501 Civic Center Dr, (Vera Schultz Dr) San Rafael



Voting Services

Visit the Elections Department if you:

- need a vote-by-mail replacement ballot
- did not register by the April 22 deadline
- prefer to vote on an accessible ballot marking device

Call if you need specific assistance or have questions 415-473-6456, toll free 833-644-2061

Election Day, May 7, the Elections Department is open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Weekdays, April 8 to May 6			
SAN RAFAEL	Marin County Elections Dept	3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 121 The Middle Archway elevator is the most direct access to Suite 121	Weekdays: 8 am - 4:30 pm
Election Day, Tuesday, May 7			
SAN RAFAEL	Marin County Elections Dept	3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 121 The Middle Archway elevator is the most direct access to Suite 121	Election Day: 7 am - 8 pm After 5 pm, the Middle Archway is the ONLY access to Suite 121

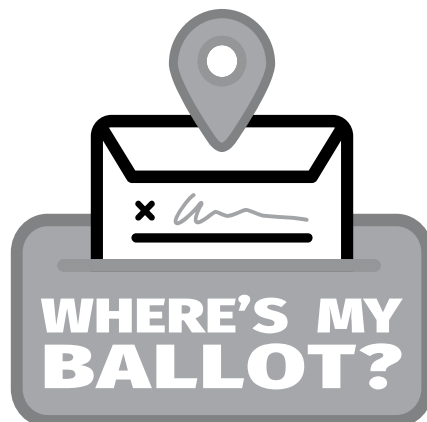
VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

The following pages contain

MEASURE INFORMATION

Arguments in “support of” or in “opposition to” the proposed laws are the opinions of the authors.

Rebuttals to arguments are the opinions of the authors.



VOTE SAFE.

Get a notice when your vote-by-mail ballot is mailed, received, and counted!

Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov to get an automatic email, text, or call about the status of your ballot.

VOTE SECURE.

Every signature on a vote-by-mail envelope is compared to the voter’s information on file. If the signature doesn’t compare, the voter will get a letter with information about how to correct it. After ballots are accepted for counting, they are removed from their envelopes in a way that protects voter privacy. Once removed, ballots are counted by scanning equipment then sealed in containers that may be opened only for an audit after the election. Voter privacy and votes are protected during the entire process.

VOTE BY MAIL!

Postage is pre-paid! Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before May 7 and received by the Elections Department by May 14, 2024.

MEASURE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
SCHOOL
NICASIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE J
<p>To maintain small class sizes, provide competitive salaries, offer instructional programs that support diverse learners in achieving educational goals, and fund school operations essential to ensuring these accomplishments, should Nicasio School District maintain its parcel tax commencing July 1, 2025 for a period of ten (10) years, with a 3% annual increase, and exemptions for persons 65 and older?</p>
<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J
 No Argument in favor of Measure J was filed.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J
 No Argument against Measure J was filed.

BALLOT MEASURE J

INTRODUCTION

“To maintain small class sizes structured in appropriate multi-grade classroom configurations, provide competitive salaries for teachers and staff, offer instructional programs that support diverse learners in achieving educational goals, and fund school operations essential to ensuring these accomplishments, should Nicasio School District maintain its parcel tax commencing July 1, 2025 for a period of ten (10) years, with a 3% annual cost of living adjustment for each year after the date of commencement, with an exemption for resident property owners 65 and older?”

This parcel tax shall be at the rate of \$ 748.21 for the first year, with a 3% annual cost of living increase to be applied annually per parcel for a period of ten (10) years, through June 30, 2035. An exemption from the special tax will apply to the following taxpayers who file with the District an annual application for exemption no later than May 1:

- (A) Persons who are 65 years of age or older.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

To provide local revenue that cannot be taken by the State and to aid in maintaining exceptional public education in our community school, the Nicasio School District proposes to levy and collect a qualified special parcel tax as described below (see “SPECIAL TAX AND PROCEDURES” below), and to implement accountability measures in connection with the special parcel tax to provide oversight and accountability to ensure that funds are used to:

Maintain small class sizes structured in appropriate multi-grade classroom configurations, provide competitive salaries for teachers and staff, offer instructional programs that support diverse learners in achieving educational goals, and fund school operations essential to ensuring these accomplishments.

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY COUNTY COUNSEL
 NICASIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SPECIAL PARCEL TAX MEASURE
 MEASURE J**

This Measure was placed on the ballot by the Board of Trustees of the Nicasio School District.

The existing Nicasio School District parcel tax is set to expire on June 30, 2025. If this Measure is approved by two-thirds of the votes cast on this special tax proposal, the existing Nicasio School District parcel tax will be extended with a parcel tax of \$748.21 per year per assessor’s parcel for a period of ten years beginning July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2035. Beginning on July 1, 2026, the rate of the special tax shall be increased by three percent (3%) each year.

An exemption from this special tax may be granted on any parcel owned by one or more persons who is occupying said parcel as their principal place of residence and is 65 years of age or older.

The stated purposes for the funds raised by this special tax are to maintain small class sizes, provide competitive salaries for teachers and staff, offer instructional programs that support diverse learners, and fund school operations.

s/BRIAN E. WASHINGTON
 Marin County Counsel

The Board of Trustees will utilize parcel tax proceeds for the purposes listed above, unless the Board of Trustees determines in any given year that changes in student population, fiscal constraints, or other changes in state or federal funding make doing so unfeasible or inadvisable. In any event, the Board of Trustees will not fund any program or reduction other than those listed above from the proceeds of the special parcel taxes.

SPECIAL TAX AND PROCEDURES

Special Tax Generally. Subject to two-thirds approval of the voters, the special tax of \$ 748.21 per parcel shall be levied and collected for a period of ten (10) years, commencing July 1, 2025, and be collected by the Marin County Tax Collector at the same time as and along with, and shall be subject to the same penalties as general *ad valorem* taxes collected by said tax collector.

Definition of Parcel. A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the Marin County Tax Collector.

Exemptions. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes will also be exempt from the qualified special tax.

Exclusive Procedures. The procedures described herein with respect to the levy and collection of the special tax and exemptions, and any additional procedures established by the Board of Trustees, shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking an exemption, refund, reduction, or re-computation of the special parcel tax. Whether any particular claim is to be resolved by the District or by the County shall be determined by the District, in coordination with the County as necessary. The District's Board of Trustees shall adopt such additional or supplemental procedures as it deems necessary or convenient for the administration of the qualified special tax.

EXEMPTIONS

Senior Citizen. A resident property owner age 65 and older in the Nicasio School District may apply for a special tax exemption on a parcel owned by said resident who occupies said parcel as the person's primary residence. Any senior claiming an exemption must apply directly to the District on or before July 1, 2025 or before May 1 of any succeeding tax year. Any one approved application from a qualified applicant will provide an exemption for the parcel for the remaining term of the parcel tax assessment so long as such applicant continues to qualify for the exemption.

Otherwise Exempt Property. All property that would otherwise be exempt from property taxes shall also be exempt from the education parcel tax.

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

Legally Required Accountability Measures. In accordance with the requirements of California Government Code sections 50075.1 and 50075.3, the following accountability measures, among others, shall apply to the special parcel taxes levied in accordance with this Measure: (a) the specific purposes of the special parcel tax shall be only those purposes identified above; (b) the proceeds of the special parcel tax shall be applied only to those specific purposes identified above; (c) a separate, special account shall be created into which the proceeds of the special parcel taxes must be deposited; and (d) an annual written report shall be made by the District's chief fiscal officer to the Board of Trustees of the District showing (i) the amount of funds collected and expended from the proceeds of the special taxes and (ii) the status of any projects, programs, or purposes required or authorized to be funded from the proceeds of the special taxes, as identified above.

SEVERABILITY

The Board of Trustees of the District hereby declares, and the voters by approving this measure concur, that every section, paragraph, sentence and clause of this measure has independent value, and the Board of Trustees and the voters would have adopted each provision hereof regardless of every other provision hereof. Upon approval of this measure by the voters, should any part be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, all remaining parts hereof shall remain in full force and effect to the fullest extent allowed by law.

VOTING BY MAIL



Your ballot is enclosed.

Return it in your signed envelope on or before Election Day, May 7, 2024.



How do I update my registration?

Online at registertovote.ca.gov or by paper registration form, postmarked no later than April 22, 2024.



Will the post office forward my ballot?

No. Forwarding a ballot is not allowed.



I will be out of town. How can I vote?

Call and give us your temporary mailing address. We will mail the ballot one time to that address. Call 415-473-6456.



Can someone else pick up a ballot for me?

Yes, using the application available at marinvotes.org. If you have questions, call 415-473-6456.



What if I lose my ballot or make a mistake?

You may go to the Elections Department and receive a replacement ballot. If you make a mistake, call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456.



What if I forgot to sign my envelope?

Only you (not someone else) must sign your envelope for your ballot to be counted. If your signature is missing or does not compare with your voter registration, you will get a letter telling you how to correct the problem.



How do I return my vote by mail ballot?

Mail it in your signed envelope, postmarked on or before Election Day, May 7, or hand deliver to the Elections Department or to an official Ballot Drop Box. Locations and schedules for the Elections Department and official Ballot Drop Boxes are listed in this Voter Information Guide or at marinvotes.org.



How do I know you received my ballot?

Sign up at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov, check the Voter Status page on the Secretary of State's website voterstatus.sos.ca.gov, or call the Elections Department at 415-473-6456.