

**BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE A**

<p>A MEASURE A: Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Special Tax Assessment for Education Programs. Shall the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District continue funding quality educational programs by levying a special tax assessment of <u>\$300.</u> per year per assessor's parcel for a limited period of six (6) years, beginning July 1, 2014, with an exemption for any beneficial owner of a parcel who has attained the age of 65 on or before May 1 of any applicable year, who uses that parcel as his or her principal residence?</p>	YES
	NO

**COUNTY COUNSEL'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS
OF MEASURE A**

BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT FOR BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

If this measure is approved by a two-thirds vote, the existing current Bolinas-Stinson Unified School District special tax assessment will expire and will be replaced with a new special tax assessment of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) annually per assessor's parcel for a period of 6 years beginning July 1, 2014. Parcel owners who have attained the age of 65 on or before May 1 of any applicable year and who use those parcels as their principal residence will be exempted from the tax.

s/STEVEN M. WOODSIDE
Interim County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE A

Our communities have generously supported a local parcel tax benefitting public education since 1995. This has allowed our school district to maintain quality programs, maintain low class sizes, and provide rich core programs that include visual arts, music, dance, and physical education. Your parcel tax dollars help to keep our school library open, fund classroom aides and counselors, as well as purchase of instructional materials and technology that enhance instruction and improve core academic skills. Extension of the parcel tax will allow us to continue to provide rich instructional programs and adequate support services for our students, including an organic lunch program, home-to-school transportation, intervention for struggling students, and support for English language learners.

Bolinas-Stinson has endured severe cuts in education funding by the state over the past five years, resulting in reduced or flat funding for our schools. Meanwhile the cost of doing business including salaries, health benefits, materials, utility costs and other maintenance and operating expenses, has increased every year. Measure A will provide stable funding that cannot be taken away by Sacramento.

Measure A is not a new tax, but rather a continuation of the support the community has given to its schools since 1995. It will take effect when the current tax expires on June 30, 2014. Your continued support for public education enables us to provide a high quality education for the children of our community. Please join us in the ongoing commitment to public education by voting YES on Measure A.

s/ARIANNE DAR
BSUSD Board President

s/MEG SIMONDS
Community Member

s/BETH PERRY
Community Member

s/KENDRICK RAND
Community Member

s/JENNIFER BLACKMAN
Community Member

**NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE A
WAS SUBMITTED.**

FULL TEXT OF MEASURE A
Bolinas-Stinson Union School District
Resolution # 11 2012-2013

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF ELECTION
IN THE MATTER OF A SPECIAL TAX
ELECTION TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND
SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has failed to provide adequate and necessary funding for the continued operations of the schools of the Bolinas-Stinson Union Schools district and their instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this lack of funding for the schools, Bolinas Stinson Union School District is in danger of eliminating study programs beneficial and necessary to the children who attend the schools of the district; and

WHEREAS, continued reliance solely on state funding will result in further loss of critical programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Government Code Sections 50075, 50076, 50077, 50079 and 53720 et seq. authorize school districts to levy a "Special Tax" to raise funds for the purpose of providing funds to run the schools of the district upon approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting upon such a special tax proposal;

WHEREAS, passage of a state Constitutional Amendment would allow local voters to decide to make investments in their neighborhood schools in addition to state funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District resolves to conduct a regular election on June 4, 2013, at which will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District a measure to authorize a special tax for the purpose of continuing and expanding vital educational programs, critical to the educational process in the schools of the district;

BE IT RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE, BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District, at which elections shall be submitted to the qualified voters the following measure, to wit:

Shall the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District provide funds for the continuation of quality educational programs by levying a special tax assessment of \$ 300. per annual payment or per assessors parcel for a limited period of six (6) years, beginning July 1, 2014, with an exemption for any beneficial owner of a parcel who has attained the age of 65 on or before May 1 of any applicable year, who uses that parcel as his or her principal residence?

The funds shall be used for;

District Programs: Maintain present education programs including Art, Music, Foreign Language, Physical Education and maintain reasonable class size.

Basic Instructional materials: maintain adequate per student allowance and update classroom texts to ensure adequate quantity and quality of texts.

Educational and instructional equipment and supplies: maintain current instructional equipment.

Operation and maintenance: maintain sufficient staff for efficient operation and adequate allowance for building and grounds maintenance.

Priorities for expenditures of funds the first and each successive year will be determined by the Governing Board with input from staff, parents and the community.

The special tax will be imposed in the amount of \$ 300. for each assessors parcel. An exemption from the assessment will be made available to each individual in the district who will attain age 65 years prior to May 1 of the assessment year, who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence, and who applies to the District on or before May 1, 2014 or May 1 of any succeeding assessment year. Any one application from a qualified applicant will provide an exemption for the parcel for the remaining term of the assessment so long as such applicant continues to use the parcel as his or her principal residence.

Section 2. The text of the measure as displayed on each individual ballot shall be abbreviated and shall read as follows:

**BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL
DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT FOR
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

"Shall the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District continue funding quality educational programs by levying a special tax assessment of \$ 300. per year per assessor's parcel for a limited period of six (6) years, beginning July 1, 2014, with an exemption for any beneficial owner of a parcel who has attained the age of 65 on or before May 1 of any applicable year, who uses that parcel as his or her principal residence?"

YES

NO

Section 3: Commencing on July 1, 2014, the special tax specified above, shall be collected and administered in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes are fixed and collected under provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Section 4: The Superintendent of Schools of Marin County is hereby requested to call a regular election of the said "special tax" to be held on 6/4/2013. The county Clerk is hereby requested and authorized to: 1) set forth on all sample ballots relating to said election to be mailed to the qualified electors of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District said measure; and 2) provide absent voter ballots for said "special Tax" election for use by qualified electors of the Bolinas-Stinson Union schools District who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. If any section, sub-section, phrase or clause of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining por-

tion of this resolution. This governing board declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, sub-section, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, phrases or clauses be declared invalid.

Section 6. The clerk of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Governing Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this resolution and to transmit a copy hereof so certified to the Superintendent of Schools of Marin County and to file a copy hereof so certified with the county Clerk of Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Board of Trustees at a meeting held on 3/5/2013 the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOES: 1
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0